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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 P.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.35	8.00	8.24	9.05	10.00	12.02	1.19	2.34	3.00	4.30	5.40	7.45
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	6.44	8.09	8.33	9.14	10.09	12.11	1.28	2.43	3.09	4.39	5.49	7.54
Shatin Dep.	6.58	8.13	8.37	9.18	10.13	12.15	1.32	2.47	3.13	4.43	5.53	8.03
Tai Po Dep.	7.10	8.25	8.49	9.30	10.25	12.27	1.44	2.59	3.25	4.55	6.05	8.15
Market Dep.	7.15	8.30	8.54	9.35	10.30	12.32	1.49	3.04	3.30	5.00	6.10	8.20
Shing Mun Dep.	7.25	8.40	9.04	9.45	10.40	12.42	1.59	3.14	3.40	5.10	6.20	8.30
Shun Lee Dep.	7.30	8.45	9.09	9.50	10.45	12.47	2.01	3.16	3.42	5.12	6.22	8.32
Canton Arr.	7.38	8.53	9.17	9.58	10.53	12.55	2.10	3.25	3.51	5.21	6.31	8.41

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 P.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.
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Shun Lee Dep.	7.13	7.59	8.23	9.04	10.00	12.02	1.19	2.34	3.00	4.30	5.40	7.45
Shing Mun Dep.	7.20	8.06	8.30	9.11	10.06	12.08	1.25	2.40	3.06	4.36	5.46	7.51
Market Dep.	7.25	8.11	8.35	9.16	10.11	12.13	1.30	2.45	3.11	4.41	5.51	8.01
Tai Po Dep.	7.33	8.19	8.43	9.24	10.19	12.21	1.38	2.53	3.19	4.49	5.59	8.09
Shatin Dep.	7.40	8.26	8.50	9.31	10.26	12.28	1.45	3.00	3.26	4.56	6.06	8.16
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	7.53	8.39	9.03	9.44	10.39	12.41	1.58	3.13	3.39	5.09	6.19	8.29
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BRITISH DETECTIVE FORCE REFORM

LOCAL POLICE SLEUTHS "NOT GOOD ENOUGH."

PLAN FOR CENTRALISED CONTROL FROM SCOTLAND YARD.

Steps are being taken to prepare a scheme for establishing with the least possible delay a national detective force for Great Britain.

"Local detectives are not good enough," "Detection of crime (in local forces) is far from satisfactory," were among the phrases used by the Inspectors of Constabulary in their reports early this year, and since then the Home Office has been considering and consulting as to the best methods of securing greater efficiency in crime prevention and detection.

Experts Called In.

Definite progress has been made to the point that the Home Office is inviting senior executive officers of larger representative forces to give their opinions on the national detective scheme, and asking them to forward suggestions that might facilitate the working of the new arrangement.

Among those who will be consulted are about a dozen of the highest rank officers in the Criminal Investigation Department at Scotland Yard.

Criminologists for many years, senior officers innumerable, and at least one ex-Home Secretary, Lord Brentford, have long ago expressed themselves in favour of a scheme which would give a single body control of the organisation for fighting serious crime in any part of the country.

Under the new arrangement highly-trained, efficient and alert detectives, skilled in every branch of their profession, would be immediately available in any part of the country to co-ordinate efforts, control and direct investigations, and conduct inquiries into all cases of serious crime.

United Efforts.

If carried into effect the new scheme will mean the establishment of a specified number of detached headquarters—miniature Scotland Yards—in about half-a-dozen principal provincial towns, each fully staffed and equipped for all kinds of investigations.

The country would be divided into regions, and while each headquarters would be a self-contained unit, and controlled probably by an officer of the rank of chief detective inspector, the whole system would allow of united effort and any concentration of forces necessary at any particular spot at short notice.

"Specialists."

At these regional headquarters there would be a staff of trained detectives, not only general all-round investigators, but men also with specialist knowledge, particularly useful to the type of investigation of the crime occurring in that specified area.

While the national force would deal with big crime there will be employment for local detectives on minor inquiries—petty larcenies, embezzlements, and false pretences cases—and to ensure co-operation between these local and national forces liaison officers with the requisite local knowledge would be appointed to the area headquarters.

Scotland Yard As G.H.Q.

As the senior officers became acquainted with local conditions the need for liaison officers would not be so imperative.

Scotland Yard would remain the General Headquarters responsible for the general direction of any united effort or drive, the repository of criminal records and finger-print index, the base for the biggest of the mobile squads and the chief station for wireless transmission purposes.

All regional stations would be in direct telephonic and possibly wireless communication with Scotland Yard. As the scheme develops transmitting and receiving stations, exclusively for police work, would be established in provincial centres and operated on a secret (and constantly changing) wave-length.

The Battle With Crime.

Enormous difficulties not generally recognised militate against success of the forces of the law in the battle against crime under the detective system now in vogue.

There are over 240 independent police forces in Great Britain, each with its own detective squad.

Nowadays with the rapid growth of all kinds of transport, criminals know no boundaries but operate in any area where success and sufficient financial reward are easy to obtain.

The time factor operates in their favour under the present method of crime detection. It is not putting it too strongly to say that the present scheme of the Home Office for allowing provincial police forces to seek the aid of Scotland Yard in cases of serious or intricate crime is a failure.

These inquiries are still proceeding.

Diary of Coming Events.

Today,
(December 24.)

Christmas Eve.
Queen's Theatre: "Not Damaged."
World Theatre: "Love on the Lake," Part 1.
Star Theatre: "Night Bird."
Majestic Theatre: "College Love."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Carnival, Repulse Bay Hotel.

European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Emp. of Canada), 8 p.m.

Thursday,
(December 25.)

Christmas Day.

Football: Scotland v. England, Club ground, 3.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Dough Boys."

World Theatre: "Flying Fleet."

Star Theatre: "Chasing Through Europe."

Majestic Theatre: "College Love."

Friday,
(December 26.)

Boxing Day.

Football: Portugal v. China, Club ground, 3.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Dough Boys."

World Theatre: "Flying Fleet."

Star Theatre: "Chasing Through Europe."

Hockey: Tamar v. R.A.

Cricket: Recreation v. University.

Boxing Night Carnival, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

European Mail:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Hakusan Maru).

Saturday,
(December 27.)

Queen's Theatre: "Dough Boys."

World Theatre: "Flying Fleet."

Star Theatre: "Chasing Through Europe."

Cricket: League—Division I: University v. Civil Service; Division II: Civil Service v. University.

Friendlies: I.R.C. v. Queen's College, K.C.C. v. O.C.C.

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MOTOR NOTES.

MOTOR CYCLE SHOW AT OLYMPIA.

TWO RECORD-BREAKERS ATTRACT MOST ATTENTION.

THE LURE OF THE GALLERY: COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY OF "SPARES."

The exhibits staged at the Motor Cycle and Cycle Show, held at Olympia, London, in November, covered an extremely wide range. Pedal cycles, utility motor cycles, powerful racing machines, motor-cycle combinations, tradesmen's carriers and three-wheelers were all on view, while the amazing advance that has been effected in design was clearly demonstrated by an historic exhibit of some of the earliest examples of motor cycles.

In addition to those machines which stood out as being of exceptional interest—and there were several that came under this heading—were two deserving of especial mention.

Both of these were record breakers, both records had only just been made, and both were British machines. The one, a motor cycle, had just attained a speed in Ireland of 150.73 m.p.h., thus beating the record previously held by Germany by the handsome margin of 13 m.p.h.

The other, a three-wheeler, had recently covered a kilometre at Montlhéry at a speed of 115.88 m.p.h. and thereby established itself as the fastest three-wheeled vehicle in the world. This category includes, of course, motor cycle combinations as well as three-wheelers proper, and it seems only fitting that this record should be held by the Morgan people, the pioneer firm in this particular branch of the motor industry.

THE "FAMILY MORGAN" REDESIGNED.

Twenty years have now gone by since the Morgan Runabout was first produced. During the past year their "M" type chassis, introduced in 1929, has been still further improved, and now forms an entirely separate model, the "De Luxe," as distinct from the "Standard."

The body of the "Family Morgan" has been redesigned, and now has better and more graceful lines; it provides accommodation for four, two adults in front and two children in the rear seat. This type undoubtedly possesses many advantages over both the small car and the motor cycle combination, not the least being economy in outlay and upkeep.

The aim of the manufacturers throughout has been towards simplicity of design and maximum accessibility. Thus the layman is enabled to enjoy his motoring with a minimum of worry over technical matters.

Multi-Cylindered Machine.

As regards the motor cycles of unconventional but thoroughly practical design, pride of place must be given to the new four-cylinder machines. These undoubtedly formed the centre of attraction at the Show and met with unstinted praise from discerning motor cyclists.

The cylinders of the Ariel "Square Four" are not placed in line in the conventional manner but stand vertically at the four corners of a square. Outstanding features of this machine include smooth and silent running together with wonderful acceleration and great stamina. Four seconds are all that are required in which to accelerate from 20 to 60 m.p.h.; and on top gear, its speed range is from 6 to 80 m.p.h.

Other interesting features of the Ariel are the use of an overhead camshaft to operate the valves; a complete dry sump lubrication system, a very thoroughly enclosed driving chain running in oil and a four-speed gearbox. As far as the frame, wheels and other parts are concerned, normal practice is followed, but a very neat instrument panel is let into the top of the tank.

It was a foregone conclusion that the Matchless stand would prove to be one of the greatest attractions of the exhibition. Here the new four-cylinder "Silver Hawk" drew large numbers of critical experts.

The engine has two pairs of cylinders set at a narrow angle and cast together, and may be described as a development of the "Silver Arrow" with its block-cast twin engine. The valves are all carried by a single-piece cylinder head which can be detached for clearing fouling passages without removing the engine from the frame.

The 6 h.p. engine can be started by a pressure of the hand on the kick starter, and is absolutely vibrationless in operation and exceptionally silent. The transmission to the four-speed gearbox is

by duplex roller chain running in a cast aluminium oil bath chain case, and fitted with a patent automatic tensioning device that entirely eliminates any necessity for adjusting the front chain. The spring frame is of similar design to that which has proved so successful on the "Silver Arrow."

Refinement the Key-Note.

The general design of the A.J.S. machines, seven models of which were shown, has not been materially altered since last year. Many detailed refinements have, however, been incorporated, and the engines of all the side valve machines, with the exception of the 55, have been redesigned. These now follow car practice by having the valves fitted in the cylinder block instead of in the detachable head.

All the machines, with inclined engines are now fitted with a hinged rear mudguard to facilitate the removal of the wheel and an improved centre stand is another useful feature. The new shock absorber fitted on the engine shaft is a further refinement found on all the 1931 A.J.S. machines; this gives greater smoothness and flexibility at all speeds, damps out transmission shocks and gives a sweeter top gear performance at low speeds.

Practically very conceivable size of single-cylinder machine is now marketed by the Triumph Company, and their wide range of exhibits included five entirely new models. Among these the 220 c.c. two-port o.h.v. machine is perhaps the most interesting, since it is the first of this size and type to be shown by the Triumph people.

The little 14 h.p. two-stroke, designed primarily to appeal to a public that had not previously belonged to the motor-cycling fraternity, has been improved in certain particulars. The rear hub, for instance, now carries a transmission shock absorber; a spring loaded buffer is incorporated in the gear control rod and the leg shields have also been improved.

The largest of the new models has a side-valve engine of 540 c.c., the power unit, on both this and the new 493 c.c. machine being entirely new. On each of these models there is a pressed steel shield covering the crankcase and gearbox on the right hand side.

The Lure of the Gallery.

The gallery at Olympia was devoted, as usual, to accessories and equipment of every kind. So comprehensive is this branch of the exhibition that the engineer was probably not exaggerating when he stated that he could collect the necessary bits and pieces in the gallery to build a complete motor cycle.

The new Magdyno combined lighting and ignition unit, shown by Joseph Lucas, is of particular interest to those owners who use their machines for racing or competition work for by undoing two screws the dynamo can be removed. The new and larger head lamp, for use where an instrument panel is fitted is another notable product of this firm. The popularity of their equipment generally was very evident from an inspection of the cycles and motor cycles on view. At a conservative estimate it would seem quite safe to say that at least 75 per cent. of all the British machines exhibited were so equipped.

MOTOR RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

FEEDERS ESTABLISHED TO SUNNING SYSTEM.

Auxiliary system to railways are the established thing in England and America and literally thousands of miles of feeders have been placed in operation, partly to stimulate business and partly to offset the inroads of the motor bus freight services, which have been a factor in transportation for a number of years. Electric and motor feeders have been employed.

The Dodge truck has been employed on a number of such lines in America, their sturdiness, durability and economical running being taken into consideration. Enthusiastic reports and repeat orders are proof of their popularity.

China, too, has taken a progressive step in this direction, South China in particular and the Hong Kong agents have supplied the motors and built certain bodies for use on the Sunning Railway. Although not faced with other motorized competition, the railway has found this type of transportation to their economic advantage.

Interesting Particulars.

Some particulars of this progressive spirit are of interest especially the uses to which the railcars have been put. The total length of the Sunning Railway is 96 miles. The railcar with a trailer is being operated between the city of Toishan and the city of Pakshab, the distance of which is 22 miles. This railcar makes four return trips each day. The average number of passengers that travel on this railcar and trailer is 1,000 per day. The gasoline consumption on this car is about 7.4 miles per one American gallon. As the Sunning Railway are using a "Y" shaped track instead of a turn-table to turn the cars around, and as they do not have a reversing transmission, a good deal of gasoline is being wasted in switching the cars around. The consumption given above includes this waste of gasoline. The correct consumption should be about 8 m.p.h.

The other railcar which runs without a trailer is being operated between the cities of Toishan and Kungyick, the distance of which is 20 miles. This railcar does not run on a regular schedule, but it leaves from one city to another as soon as there are a sufficient number of passengers to make a trip. This railcar carries an average of 400 passengers per day. The gasoline consumption is about the same as the other railcar.

The Sunning Railway have found these cars to be very satisfactory. The carpenters did a very good job on the bodies, and the work was highly praised by everybody.

NEW WONDER MOTOR CYCLE.

SPECIALLY BUILT FOR ATTACK ON SPEED RECORD.

Captain Irving, designer of the Golden Arrow, on which Sir H. Segrave broke the world's land speed record, is to be asked, by the Rudge Motor-Cycle Company, Coventry, to collaborate in producing a motor cycle which will beat the record of 100 miles per hour set up recently in Ireland by J. S. Wright. The design is already far advanced.

Mr. John V. Pugh, managing director of the Rudge Company, said that the motor-cycle will have four engines of the enormous capacity of 2,000 c.c.—twice the size of Wright's machine engines. They will be grouped into a single compact unit of the double twin type, but with fairly big angle between the twins.

170 Miles An Hour.

Mr. Pugh is confident that a power unit of this kind, even un-supercharged and without streamlining will be capable of 170 miles per hour and more if supercharged and streamlined. He hopes to attack the record within six months. The rider has not yet been chosen, but it is probable that the invitation will be extended to E. G. Vott, of Coventry, one of this year's winners of the Tourist Trophy Races in the Isle of Man.

GOOD WORK BY AUSTIN.

Austin Sevens' march from strength to strength. Not content with their victory in the 600-Mile Race, which seemed to be an adequate demonstration of stamina, the Austin concern sent the same little machine scudding round the track on October 15 for a further 12 hours, annexing en route a small matter of 13 new records (subject to the usual official confirmation). These figures are: 50

miles at 84.35 m.p.h., 100 kiloms. at 84.65 m.p.h., 100 miles at 84.04 m.p.h., 200 kiloms. at 85.07 m.p.h., 200 miles at 82.98 m.p.h., 500 kiloms. at 83.82 m.p.h., 500 miles at 83.72 m.p.h., 1,000 kiloms. at 82.80 m.p.h., one hour at 84.83 m.p.h., three hours at 83.45 m.p.h., six hours at 83.73 m.p.h., and 12 hours at 81.71 m.p.h.

This would seem to be an answer to those sceptics who, at the conclusion of the "500," suggested that the winning Austin was now good for nothing but a scrap heap!

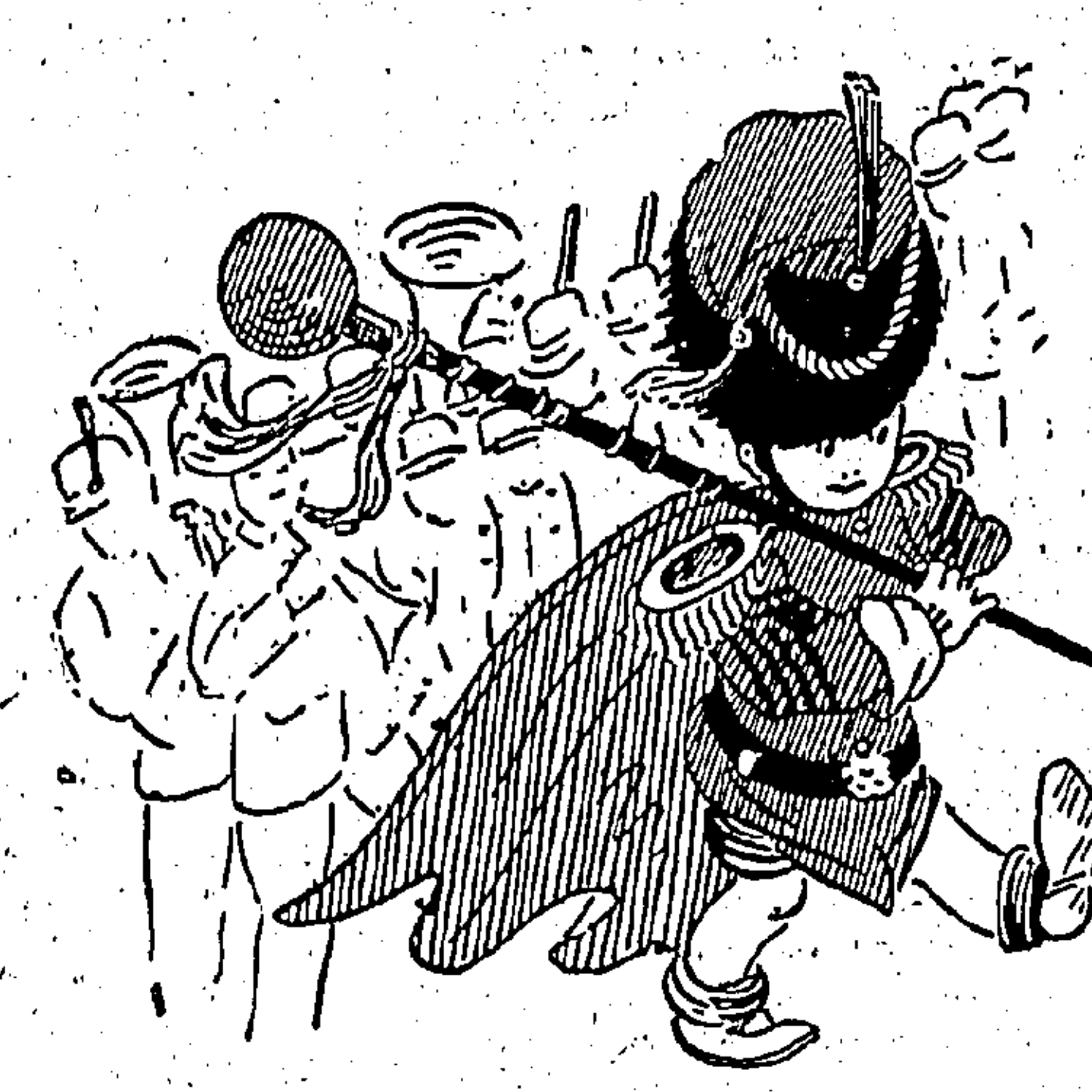
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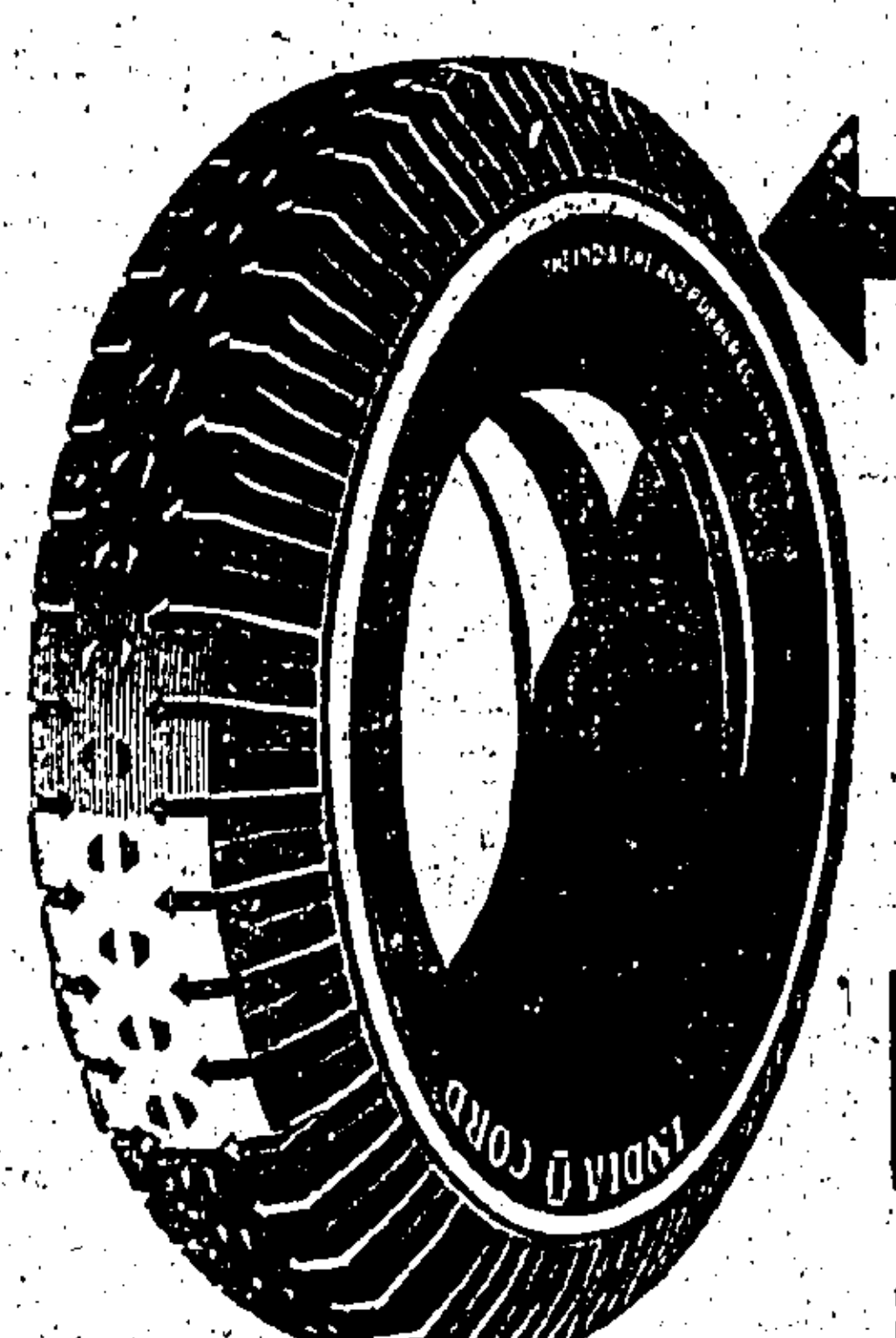
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MOTOR NOTES

NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE.

CAR WHICH WHISTLES FOR ATTENTION.

It is doubtful if anything more surprising can be found than a car which whistles to its owner when it requires attention!

Such a car, however, already exists in the form of the new Rover "Light-Twenty" and "Meteor." Even with the science of motor car manufacture as it is to-day, the car has yet to be made to give audible indication when it is time to fill up with petrol and oil, but these new Rovers can—and do—whistle when the mixture is likely to become rich.

The phenomenon is easily explained. The air is filtered through "steel wool" and when this becomes choked with impurities—impurities which the very existence of the filter have prevented from reaching the interior of the engine—the mixture naturally becomes rich. On many cars this passes unnoticed for days—perhaps weeks or months—and heavier petrol consumption results. But on these Rovers a small whistle is incorporated in the air cleaner and the moment there is the slightest restriction in the main supply, the whistle comes into operation. The owner can then wash out the steel wool and the filter is good for many more thousands of miles.

It is seldom, of course, that such attention is required, but the fact that this whistle is fitted shows the lengths to which manufacturers of high grade cars to-day will go to ensure economical and trouble-free running.

WORLD MOTOR-BOAT TRIP.

Capt. Edward Miles, a New York yachtsman, is now attempting a single-handed voyage round the world in an auxiliary cruiser *via* Port Said, Singapore, Japan, the Panama Canal, and back to New York.

According to *The Motor Boat*, he made a previous attempt last year, but his boat caught fire some 60 miles out from Suez and became a total loss. "Like her predecessor, the new boat, *Sturdy II*, has been built entirely by Capt. Miles himself, and recently arrived in Port Said harbour. She is a 37-ft. two-masted schooner, and is fitted with a Diesel engine burning heavy oil in order to eliminate the risk of fire."

A TROUBLE-FREE VEHICLE AT LAST!

Speaking at the annual re-union of Singer directors and dealers in London recently, Mr. W. E. Bullock, Managing Director of the company, stated that the new 10 h.p. car had been very enthusiastically welcomed.

A humorous note was sounded when Mr. Bullock visualised the "better" vehicle which would require no attention whatever and would be free of the Horse Power Tax. The company, he said, had such a vehicle in mind and had even manufactured it; it was, indeed, in

(Continued on next column.)

MOTOR-CAR TRADE REVIVAL.

BRITISH FACTORIES WORK AT TOP PRESSURE.

There are indications of the beginning of a steady revival in the British motor-car industry.

A London daily announced recently that the returns of licences for new motor-cars last September showed a large increase, compared with the previous September, and recorded the first monthly increase this year.

Now comes the news that in some cases night shifts have been started at motor-car factories in the midland, and that a number of firms are working overtime.

An official of the Rover Company, of Coventry, stated recently: "Our sales for 1930 already show an increase of 73.5 per cent compared with last year."

"Two weeks ago we produced 210 motor-cars, compared with 100 for the corresponding week of 1929. Last week our production was 300 motor-cars, compared with 138 in the corresponding week of 1929."

"Motor-cars exported to date this year show an increase of 224 per cent. over our total motor-car exports for the whole of last year. Our programme for the early spring, owing to orders received, provides for an output of over 600 motor-cars per week."

"We have started overtime in our works at Coventry, and night shifts in one of our other factories. There is no need for pessimism in the motor industry."

STRANGEST TEST IN AERIAL HISTORY.

HELICOPTER RISES IN HANGAR.

Mr. Maitland Bleecker, inventor and designer, after more than four years' experiments, conducted what is regarded as the strangest initial test flight in the history of aeronautics when he actually flew his invention, the elaborate Curtiss-Bleecker helicopter, within the closed hangar in which he had been experimenting at Valley Stream, Long Island.

Public demonstration of the helicopter should have taken place in the open some six weeks previously, but was prevented when the motor developed an oil leak.

The inventor, too impatient to wait for the outdoor tests, decided to try out the machine within the hangar.

He tied a rope on the keel of the small fuselage so that the machine could not rise too high to crash itself against the roof of the hangar.

He then stepped into the cockpit and turned the motor up until the craft rose vertically, high enough to promise success in at least one direction when the outdoor tests shall be conducted.

The room at that moment. A curtain was drawn back and several hundred very interested dealers gazed on—a tri-cycle which had been built by the Singer Company over 60 years ago! "Road" tests—round the tables—were conducted later in the evening.

THE SMALL CAR OF THE FUTURE.

"ROOF TOO LOW: SCREEN TOO SHALLOW."

After making the intimate acquaintance of the 1931 small cars at the Show, one is prompted to suggest that on many of them the roof is too low and the screen too shallow, so that the driver's vision is restricted and the sense of roominess which the other dimensions convey is considerably offset. This criticism does not apply by any means only to the light cars, for on several larger-car stands it is noticeable that reducing the height of the roof has been found easier and more convenient than tackling the problem in the correct manner, namely, bringing the chassis frame closer to the ground.

Another criticism which one may well put forward concerns the paucity of clever ideas for the ventilation of closed cars. Admittedly, sliding roofs, windscreens that will open and easily controlled windows are to be seen in abundance, but little has been done to add to our comfort and well-being in cold weather, when none of these means of ventilation is attractive.

A further criticism of the 1931 models might be that they do not, as a whole, reflect an all-round endeavour to improve nippiness. Certainly there are at least three new models with a much higher power-weight-ratio than was the fashion a year ago, and equally the use of four-speed gearboxes has become much more popular, but one should like to see both these tendencies still more pronounced.

A RAILWAY ZEPPELIN.

PROPELLOR DRIVE AT 94 M.P.H.

Frankfort-on-Main. Shaped like a Zeppelin and driven by a propeller, a new type of railway coach, in test near Hanover recently, travelled at 150 kilometres (about 94 miles) an hour.

Invented by an engineer, Johann Bruckenberg, the coach is 85ft. long, is built of steel, aluminium, wood and fabric, and weighs 18 tons. There are two compartments, one for smokers, and a luggage room and vestibule.

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Its performance was declared a striking success, probably heralding important changes in the construction of express trains.

WHEN TALLULAH WAS SLAPPED.

CURIOUS HOTEL SCENE.

There has been intense curiosity in social and theatrical circles in London over the identity of the persons concerned in the dramatic incident at a London hotel—when a leading London actress was the victim of a violent assault by another woman.

In spite of the fact that the affair took place in the restaurant of the Savoy Hotel, it was over so quickly that only those nearest the table were aware of what had happened.

Every attempt was made to keep the names from leaking out, but the *Daily Express*, has announced that the assaulted woman was Miss Tallulah Bankhead, the American actress, now starring in "Let Us Be Gay."

With Miss Bankhead was Sir Gerald du Maurier, who introduced her to the London stage some years ago in "The Dancers."

Talk Interrupted.

Miss Audrey Curten, who also played in "The Dancers," and her brother made up the remainder of the party.

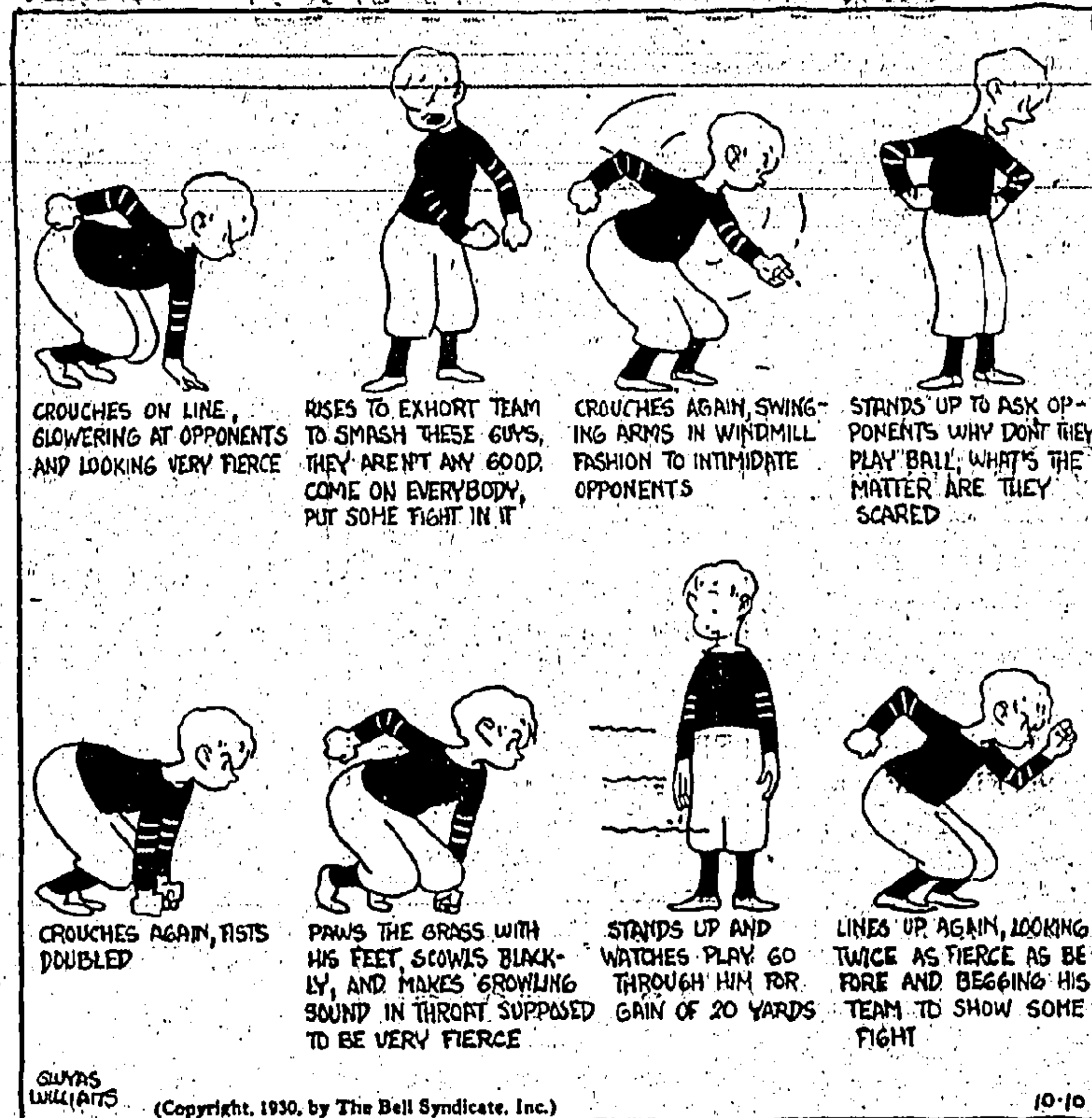
Their conversation was interrupted by a woman, whose theatrical connections are well known. She told Miss Bankhead that she had been waiting for a long time for such an opportunity, made insulting remarks, and then slapped Miss Bankhead's face.

She followed this up by clutching Miss Bankhead's head in both hands, and finally tore off her hat. Miss Bankhead behaved with the utmost coolness, replacing her hat after the assault and calmly lighting a cigarette.

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local
time, and Rugby Press news.
2 p.m.—Close down.
5 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7 p.m.—European programme of
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7-8 p.m.—
Chorus: "With a Song In My
Heart."—Jack Hylton and Orch.
Song: "Christmas Morning at
Clanney's."—Stever Porter
(Comedian).
Song: "My Ideal."—Maurice Che-
valier (Baritone).
Chorus: "Twisting The Dials."—
The Happiness Boys.
Orchestral: "Gems from 'Follow
Thru'."—Victor Light Opera
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Everything'."—Victor Light
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Song: "Alabama Lullaby."—Rene
Austin (tenor).
Chorus: "Happy Feet."—The Re-
velers.
Vocal Duet: "Somewhere In Old
Wyoming."—Bud Billings-Car-
son Robinson.
Orchestral: "Gems from 'Whoop-
pee'."—Victor Light Opera
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Orchestral: "Gems from 'The
New Moon'."—Victor Light
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Humorous Song: "I'm Yours."—
Johnny Marvin.
Song: "Everybody Does It In
Hawaii."—Jimmie Rogers.
8-9 p.m.—
Orchestral: "March of the Cau-
casian Chief."—Philadelphia
Symphony Orchestra.
Orchestral: "Dance Oriental."—
Philadelphia Symphony Orch.
Song: "Rose in the Bud."—
Reinald Werrenrath (baritone).
Orchestra: "Sincerity."—La Vi-
toria Orchestra.
Orchestra: "Wedding of the
Winds."—La Vittoria Orchestra.

Violin Solo: Scherzo-Tarantelle.—
Jasha Heifetz.
Violin Solo: "La Rondo Des
Latins."—Jasha Heifetz.
Song: "Lo Here the Gentle
Lark."—Madab Amelita Galli-
Curi.
Violin Solo: "Love's Garden of
Roses."—Rene Chomet.
Orchestra: "Southern Roses."—
Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
Orchestra: "Wine, Women and
Song."—Chicago Symphony Or-
chestra.
Piano Organ Solo: "Christmas
Fantasy."—Mark Andrews.
Chorus: "Hark the Herald Angels
Sing."—Trinity Choir.
Chorus: "Hodie Christus Natus
Est" (Christ is born to-day).—
Dayton Westminster Choir.
9 p.m.—Weather report, local time,
etc.

Dance Programme.

9.5-11.30 p.m.—
Waltz: "Moon Light On the
Colorado."
Fox Trot:—
"Don't Tell Her."
"A Peach of a Pair."
"May Be Its Love."
"Just a Little Dance Mam
Selle."
Waltz: "Just a Little While."
Fox Trot:—
"Through."
"Why Do You Suppose."
"Campus Capers."
"Sophomore Prom."
"The Web Of Love."
"I'm In Love With You."
Waltz:—
"Alice Blue Gown."
"Beautiful Lady."
Fox Trot:—
"I Got Rhythm."
"Embraceably You."
"I'd Like to Find the Guy that
Wrote the Stein Song."
"What's the Use!"
"Following the Sun Around."
Waltz: "If You're In Love You'll
Waltz."
Fox Trot:—
"Without Love."
"So Beats My Heart For You."
"Sing Song Girl."
Waltz: "Song of the Big Trail."

Fox Trot:—
"Sweepin' the Clouds Away."
"Any Time Is the Time to Fall
In Love."
Singing A Vagabond Song.
"Puttin' On the Ritz."
"She's Such a Comfort to Me."
"What Is This Thing Called
Love."
"Miss Wonderful."
Waltz: "Dance Away the Night."
Fox Trot: "Along With My
Dreams."
Waltz: "Lazy Lou'sinn Moon."
Fox Trot:—
"All I want Is Just One."
"Dancing to Save Your Soul."
"Under Venetian Skies."
"June Kisses."
"Deep In the Arms of Love."
Waltz: "I'll Close My Eyes to the Rest
of the World."
"On A Little Street In Hono-
lulu."
"All Through the Night."
11.30 p.m.—Close down.

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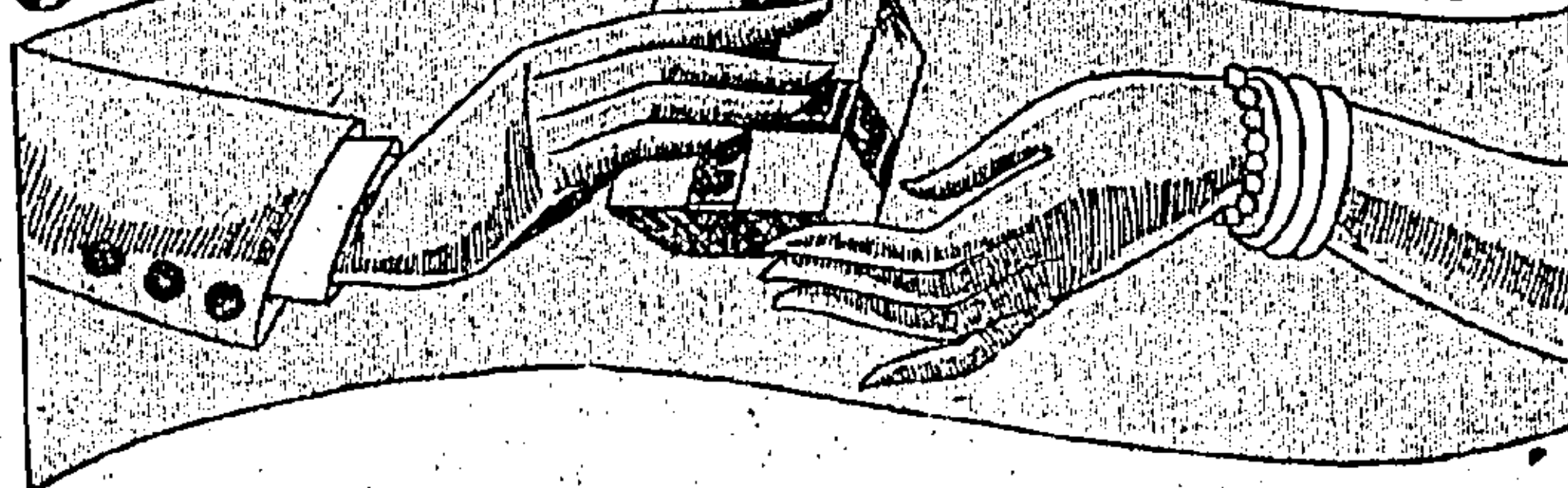
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RUSSO-CHINESE CONFERENCE.

COLLAPSE AFTER MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

CHINESE DELEGATE LEAVES.

Moscow, Dec. 18.—After months of intermittent negotiations, the Sino-Russian conference, which has been seeking a settlement of the controversy over the status of the Chinese Eastern Railway, broke up to-day.

A public explanation for the break between the Chinese and Russian delegates will be given later, it was announced by Soviet Russian officials.

Mr. Moh Teh Hui, head of the Chinese delegation, and his colleagues are to leave for China as soon as possible, it was announced. Mr. Moh Teh Hui, it is understood, has notified the Soviet Russian Foreign Office, as well as his own Government in Nanking, that he is departing shortly.

It is understood that en route to Nanking the Chinese delegates will stop at Mukden. Then they will report to Nanking for instructions. Since May, when Mr. Moh Teh Hui arrived here for his discussions, the discussions over the Chinese Eastern Railway have been confused and even halted by attempts to include other matters for discussion and settlement, including resumption of diplomatic relations between China and Russia.

Kharakhan's Reply.

Moscow, Dec. 18.—The Chinese delegate to the Russo-Chinese Conference, Mr. Moh Teh Hui having informed the Soviet delegation on December 12 of his intention to leave for China for some time and that Mr. Lu Tsie Hun, an expert on technical questions attached to the delegation, will temporarily be in charge of current affairs of the delegation's office, Chief Soviet Delegate Karakhan in his reply declared to-day: "The Government of the Soviet Union fully sharing the wish you repeatedly expressed for an actual beginning of the discussion by the conference of the questions concerning the Chinese Eastern Railway, trade and diplomatic relations for which purpose special commissions were formed at our conference of December 4, will await your speedy return and the resumption of the work of the conference."

CHINESE OBJECTION TO A FILM.

BERLIN LEGATION ASKS FOR FURTHER DELETION.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—It transpires that the Chinese Legation here has approached the German Foreign Office with a view of getting some more parts cut out from the Russian film "The Blue Express" which is staged in China and, it is maintained by the Chinese officials, contains scenes which are offensive to Chinese feelings.

The Foreign Office has taken up the matter with the "Vita" film company holding the performance rights on the film for Germany. *Frankfurter Zeitung*, in its comment on the demand of the Chinese Legation, says that it would be desirable to have announced what changes are exactly contemplated or asked for and which parts of the picture are objected to as the film deals with a purely imaginary rising of Chinese coolies in an express train against a white man.

CLAIM MADE TO AN EARLDOM.

STRANGE STORY TOLD IN U.S. COURT.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BIGAMY.

Phoenix, Arizona, December 18.—Pleading that a prison sentence imposed upon him following his conviction on charges of bigamy be set aside, Dr. Allan Alexander Stirling to-day appeared before the Arizona supreme court. He asked that the sentence be set aside so that he may claim an earldom which he has inherited. Dr. Stirling read his claims to having inherited the earldom before the court.

According to Dr. Stirling the 16th Earl of the estate he is claiming died in England in 1928. He said that the Earl's last will required that his heirs marry within a year or be disinherited.

So Dr. Stirling promptly proceeded to marry Miss Elsa Worth of Sanburst, Montana. Later they separated and he married Miss Virginia Hovaker, a resident of Arizona. Dr. Stirling now claims that his first wife had been previously married and had not bothered to obtain a divorce when she wed him. Hence, he claimed, his Montana marriage was automatically voided and he is not a bigamist.

Some Confusing Claims.

Dr. Stirling is a former officer on the staff of General Pancho Villa, the famed Mexican revolutionary leader. In court to-day he found himself in some difficulty in giving testimony as to his claim to the English earldom. He said that the 13th Earl of the line he claims was Viscount Canada. Then, under examination, he admitted that the earldom he claims was abolished in 750, A.D. But, said the witness, it was restored 50 years later.

Under subsequent examination Dr. Stirling testified that his grandfather and not his father was an Earl. He claimed that the entire estate had been bequeathed to him.

Dr. Stirling's father, he claimed, came to the United States during America's civil war. Later, he said, he went to New Zealand as a physician. "I was born aboard ship en route to New Zealand," Dr. Stirling told the court to-day. "I also am a physician."

As the evidence progressed the court and newspaper reporters began to become almost as confused as the witness. They hope, some time, to learn just what English estate Dr. Stirling is claiming.

TUMBLER THROWN AT MINISTER.

FRICTION DURING DEBATE IN BRUSSELS CHAMBER.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—In the course of an exciting debate in the Chamber on the Government's defence estimates the Minister of War de Broqueville accused the Flemish deputy Ward Hermans of treasonable actions whereupon the infuriated deputy hurled a water tumbler at the Minister's head.

An indescribable tumult ensued, a general fight between the Cerebral and Flemish deputies being only narrowly averted by the other deputies and by the speaker suspending the sitting.

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Not realizing her own importance, it took Florenz Ziegfeld, of world-wide fame, to attach interest to her by his declaration that she was a representative of the highest type of American girlhood.

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Appearing in "Dough Boys" with Miss Eilers are Cliff Edwards, Edward Brophy, Victor Potel, Arnold Koff, Frank Mayo, Pitzy Katzy and William Steele. Edward

Sedgwick directed. The story presents riotous adventures of Keaton as a rookie, starting with his experiences on the transport which takes him to France and continuing with his mishaps in the frontline trenches.

"THE GIRL SAID NO."

William Haines is said to have found a worthy successor to "Brown of Harvard," the picture which first brought him into the limelight as a comedian of first order. The new work, called "The Girl Said No," was written by A. P. Younger, author of the first success, and information has it that it continues the narrative of the erstwhile football hero, picking up the story when he graduates from college and bucks up against the hardships of a cold business world. The new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer all-talking production will be shown at the Queen's Theatre starting Sunday.

According to Hollywood reports, the new Haines vehicle contains a number of unusually hilarious situations, chief of which are the native attempts of the collegiate youth to adjust himself to the exigencies of a Wall Street brokerage office business routine. His bungling attempts to put over important business deals, his lack of proper deference to office superiors, his rash advances to the attractive secretary of the boss and other typical idiosyncrasies of a boy just out of college are said to be played up in the typical Haines manner.

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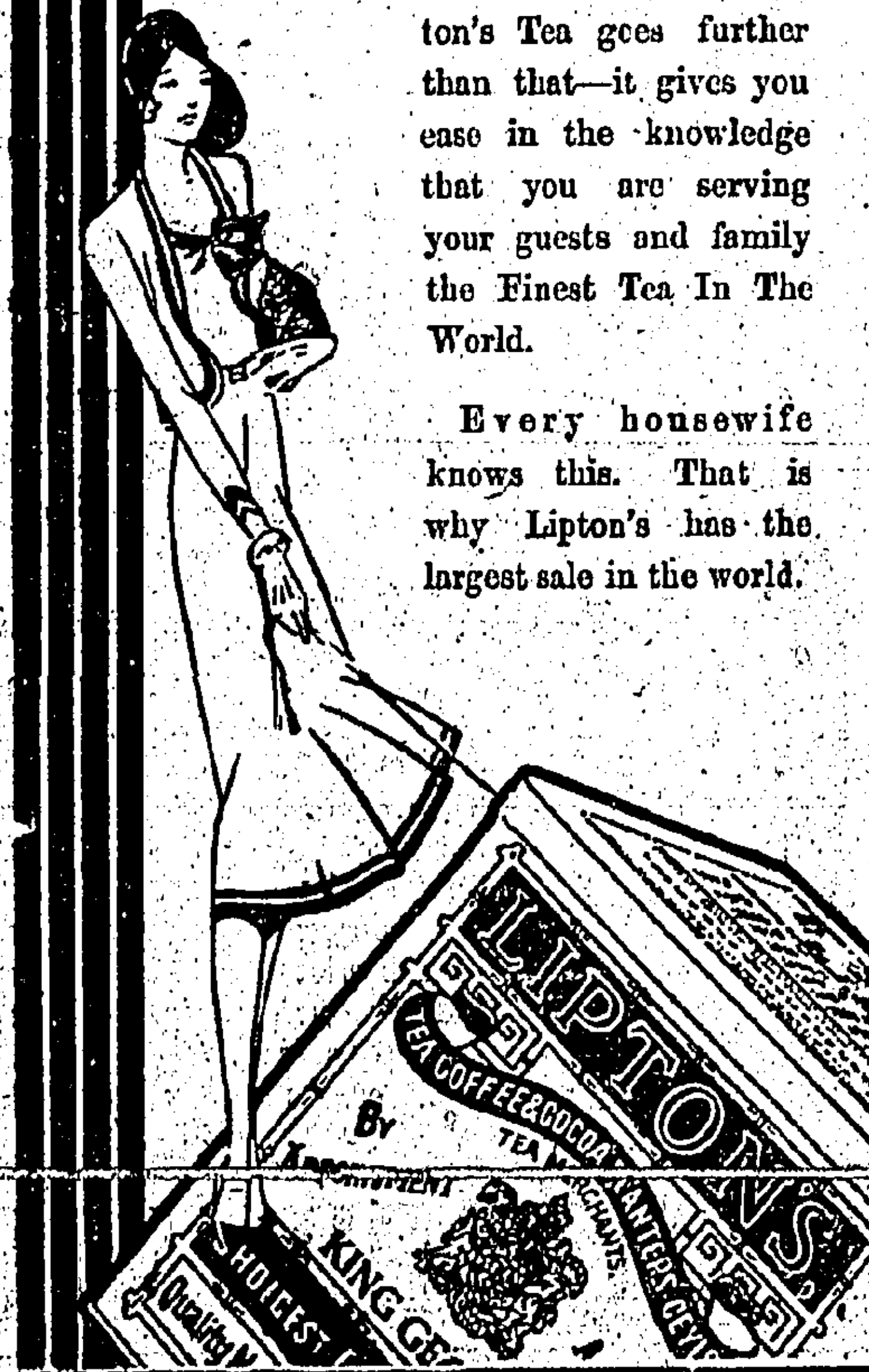
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BRITISH POST OFFICE REFORM.

PLANS FOR BETTER SERVICES.

The Postmaster-General has agreed to receive a deputation from the Union of Post Office Workers on December 4 to discuss proposals put forward by the Union for the reform and development of the Post Office services.

The Union advocates an extensive and sustained publicity campaign, many of the Post Office services, it says, being quite unknown to the public.

The Union requests the introduction of a comprehensive system of postal cheques modelled upon the various Continental systems, and the adoption of the subscription system in regard to the sale and delivery of publications, particularly in rural areas.

Savings Bank Interest.

Other suggestions of the Union are that the rate of interest on deposits in the Savings Bank should be raised, and that the facilities provided by private banks, letters of credit and credit notes for travellers should be introduced. The present limitation on deposits should be removed and cheques on foreign banks accepted. There should be a further extension of the amount that may be withdrawn on demand.

The Union wants the maximum limit for the Parcel Post in the Inland Service to be increased up to 14 lbs. or 32 lbs., and delivery accelerated by the use of motor vans.

A reduction on the poundage on postal orders and money orders is advocated, as well as an increase on the £10 maximum for money orders. As regards express delivery service, it is suggested that urgent letters be dispatched by the first train available, instead of by the first ordinary dispatch. The Union wants the Post Office to absorb the London Messenger Service, and considers the present rate of 6d. per mile too high.

Inquiry Desks.

The extension of the life assurance department is to be advocated at the interview, and the reversal of the decision of a former Government not to accept new business. The Union wants a public inquiry desk in every post office. The present accommodation is described as haphazard and inadequate. It is also suggested that postmen on rural walks should pay pensions to old age pensioners to save journeying long distances to the nearest post office.

The Union of Post Office Workers, which represents the manipulative grades, has "Workers Control" as an item in its programme. In agreeing to receive this deputation the question is being asked whether the Postmaster-General has not admitted the claim of the union of "Workers Control" in the Post Office.

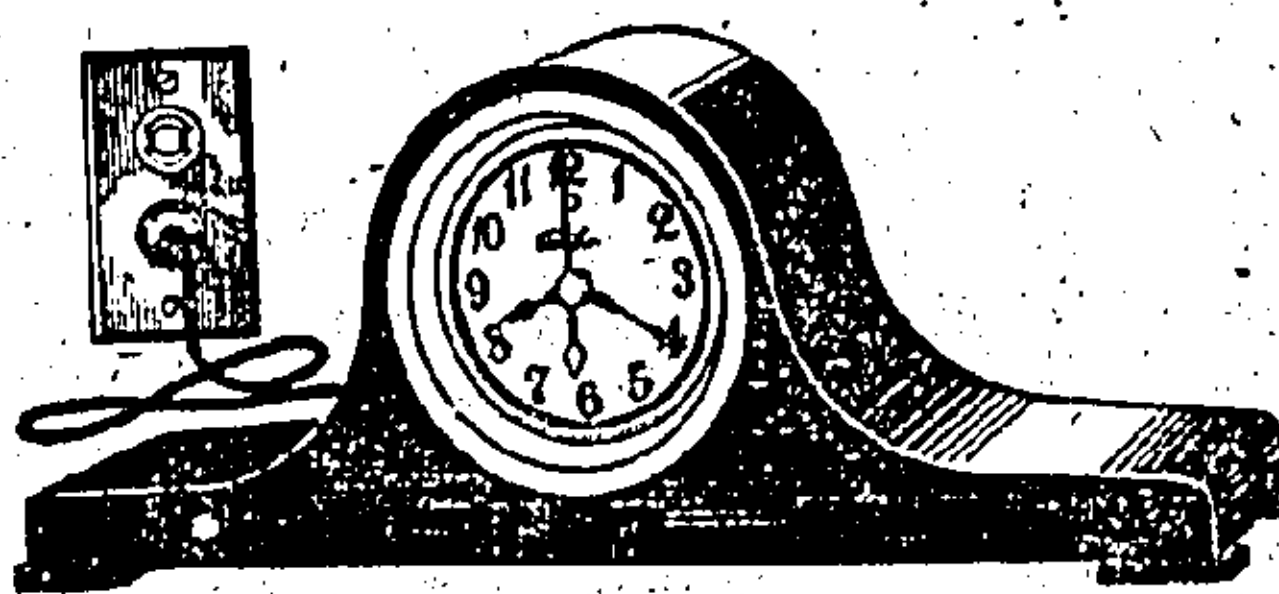


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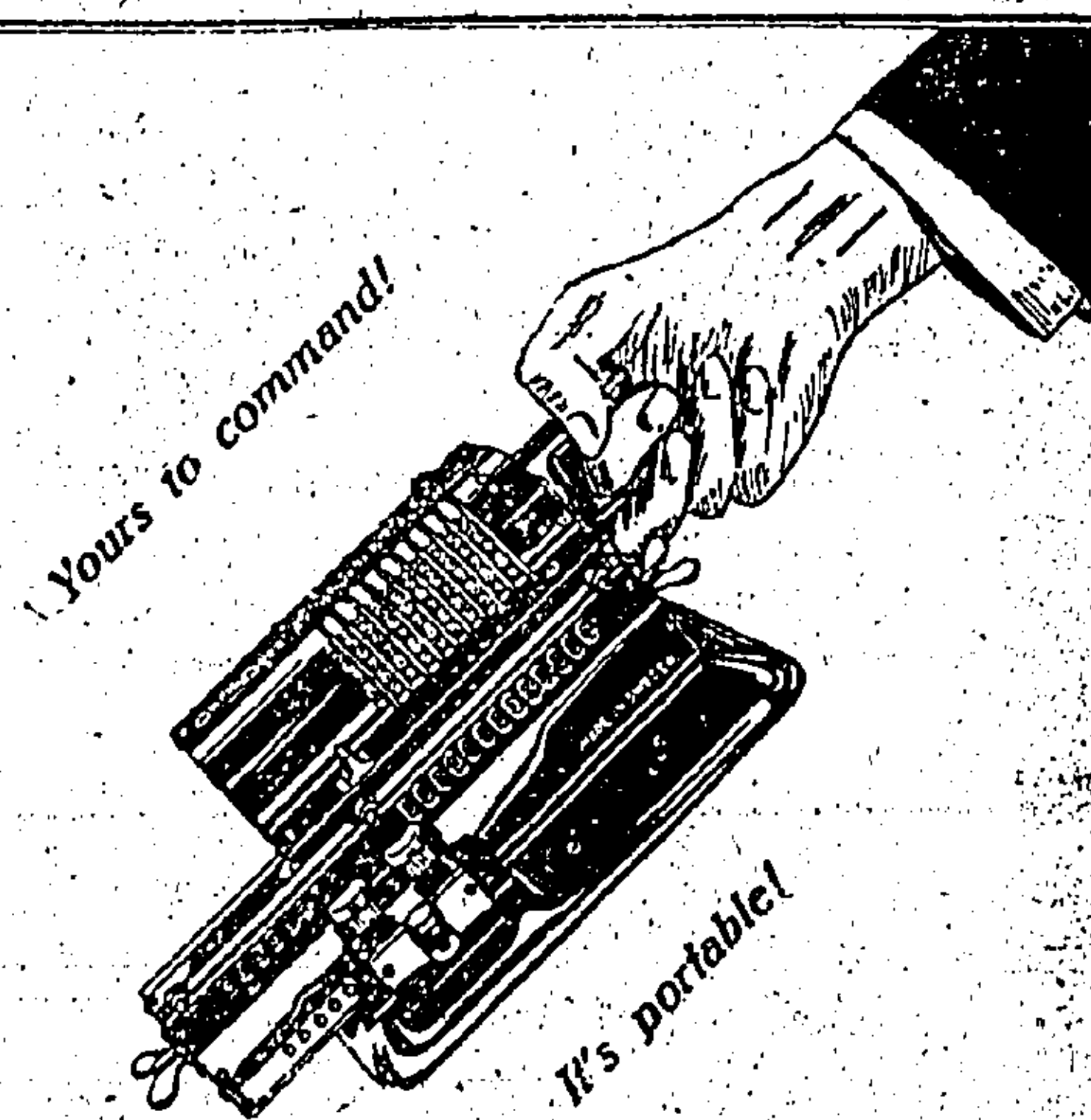
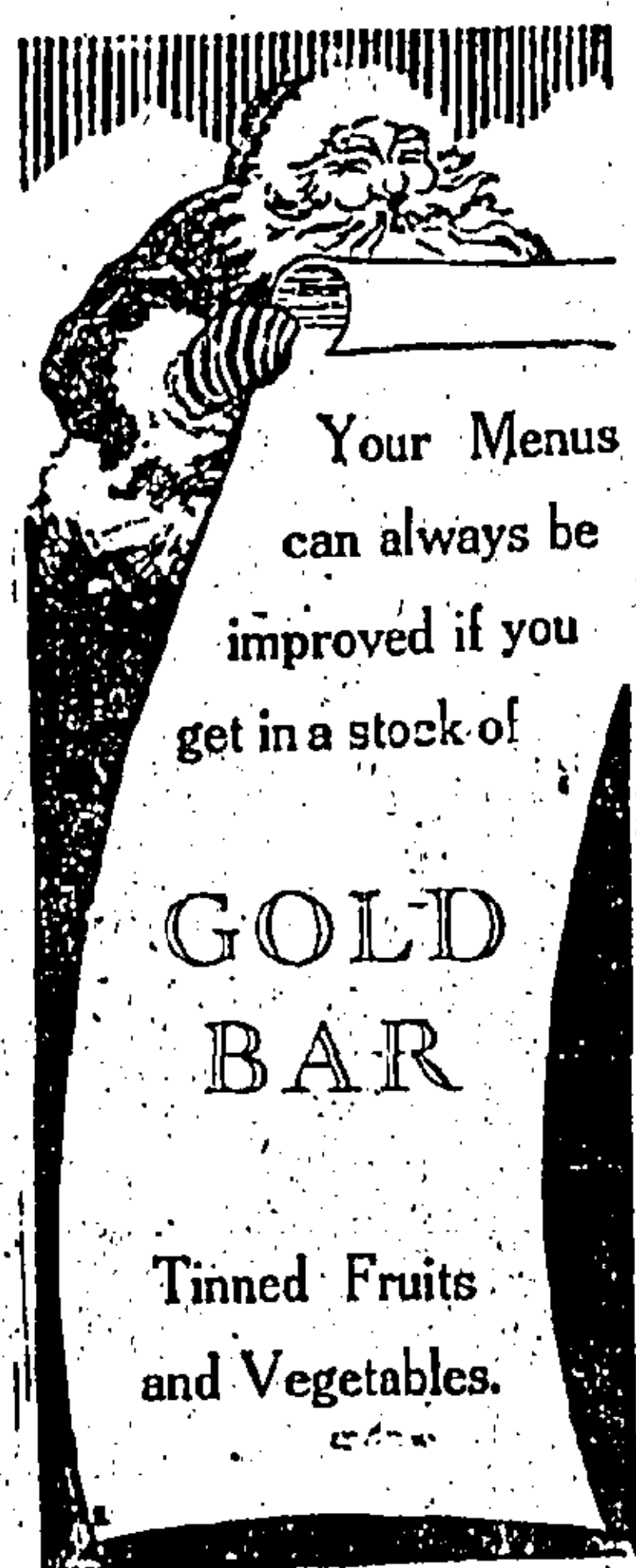
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POLISH TERRORISM AT ELECTIONS.**PROTEST BY MEMBERS OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT.**

London, December 10.—Fifty-one members of the House of Commons who belong to the so-called "Democratic Control Group" which is mainly recruited from amongst the Labour and Liberal members of Parliament, addressed a petition to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations together with a statement for the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, protesting in strong terms against the reign of terror obtaining in the recent Polish parliamentary elections. The document points out that hundreds of men, women and children were whipped, some of them so badly that they had to be put into hospital and others so that they will be permanently crippled. Others were killed outright. Thousands were jailed in order to prevent them from voting. As many as 700 Galician villages were subjected to unheard of terrorism.

In their explanation to Mr. Henderson the signatories draw attention to the farcical nature of the elections to the Polish Sejm and to the Upper Silesian Diet and request him to use his influence to have relief brought to the victims and to give sympathetic consideration to the German Government's notes on the subject. The document ends by suggesting that the German-Polish dispute be submitted to arbitration on the lines laid down in the Locarno Pact.

INDIANS ATTACK SCIENTISTS.**INCENSED AT DISTURBING GRAVES OF GIANTS.**

Soyopa, Sonora, Mexico, December 15.—Efforts of an American scientific party to study the fossil remains of a prehistoric race of giants ended abruptly here to-day when the members of the expedition were attacked by a band of fierce Yaqui Indians.

Dr. Byron Cummings, the noted archaeologist of the University of Arizona, and the members of the party he headed barely escaped from Soyopa. Dr. Cummings and his men carried with them a few relics but they were forced by the attacking Yaqui Indians to leave behind the skeletons of three adults, eight feet, five inches long, and the skeletons of children who had been, when they lived, more than six feet tall.

The Yaqui Indians were incensed over the disturbance of the giants' burial ground by the scientists. Dr. Cummings and his men had traveled 160 miles south of the Mexican-American frontier to study the relics of an ancient civilization established by veritable giants in prehistoric times but they have now been beaten back.

During the few days the scientists spent here they were forced to work at night, in order to be better prepared for attacks by the Yaquis during the daylight hours. Dr. Cummings believes, however, that he has made enough observations to be able to offer definite proof that there once roamed this earth a race of humans of great stature, the existence of whom had never been known before.

WAR WAXING HOT ON RUM ROW.**BRITISH VESSEL CAPTURED BY U.S. COASTGUARDS.**

New York, December 18.—A vessel, flying the British flag, was fired upon and struck by a United States coast guard cutter to-day as the rum war waxed hot.

The American coast guard cutter Cartigan, after a hot chase, captured the British steamer Analain. The cutter fired three shots at the Analain before the latter hove to. Some of the shots damaged the British ship.

Captain McKenna, master of the s.s. Analain, and eleven of the members of his crew were placed under arrest by the American coast guardmen on charges of violating the prohibition laws of the United States. Capt. McKenna and most of the members of his crew are residents of Newfoundland.

The captured British ship is of the crack oil-burning, destroyer type. She is equipped with every nautical device and proved to be almost as speedy as the American coast guard cutter.

Officials of the United States coast guard service assert that the s.s. Analain is a rum runner and that when captured she was engaged in an attempt to smuggle liquor into the United States.

The coast guard these days is busy attempting to cut off the Christmas holiday season's liquor supply from the sea. It was while patrolling rum row that the cutter sighted and overhauled the British ship. Whether any international complications will arise over the action of the American cutter in firing upon the British ship has yet to be determined.

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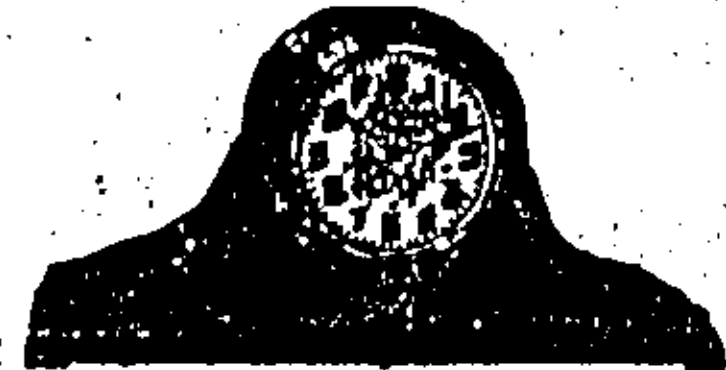
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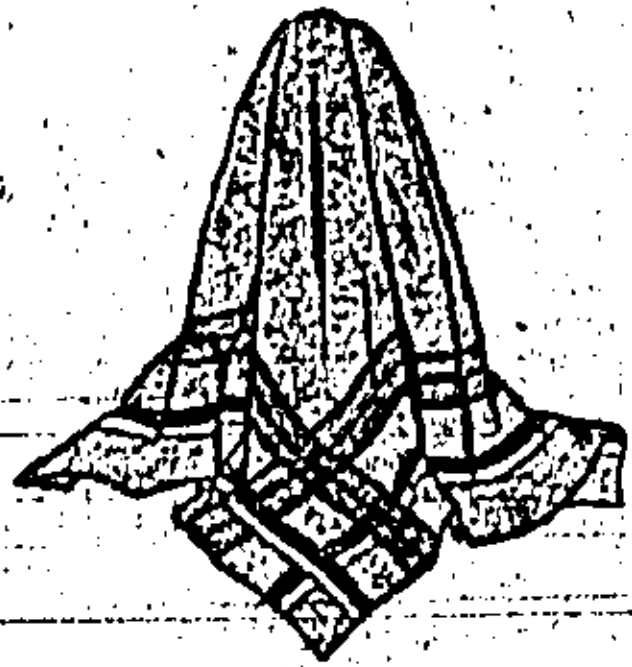
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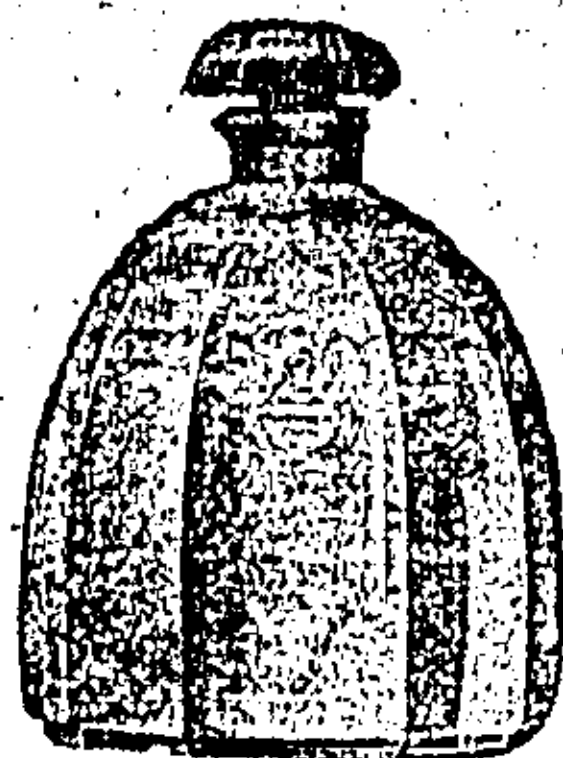
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CHRISTMAS MATES O' MINE.

[By GLADYS JACKSON.]

My dear young friends, I'm most sincerely hoping you don't believe the latest crazy tale. That's caused my reminder to go sadly moping. And even made my scarlet cloak turn pale. Two started by some poor, deluded creatures. Who thought 'twould bring them happiness and fame. To fashion new ideas as Christmas features. And take from me my old and honoured name. To say there is no ME! Oh, dear, how shocking! And that it's senseless to put up one's stocking!

Of course, it must be only idle banter. But still I know you'll think it sadly wrong. Just picture Christmas without old friend Santa! I'm sure you'd look for me the whole day long. Why! Very soon we'll hear another story. (So dreadful that we mustn't say it loud). That fairies too have swept their train of glory. From mortal land, and vanished in life's crowd! Oh, mates o' mine, don't let your hearts get colder. By losing life's best fun as you grow older!

Perhaps you'll have your own special dreaming. About my methods,—that we won't discuss. But fairy helpers and my own gay scheming. Alike must fail if you lose faith in us! This grey old world is full of golden wonder. If folks would shed their masks of doubt and shade. Life's only foolish thing is just the blunder. Of thinking God forgets the world He made! That magic must be out of reach of mortals. Because we see it best through childhood's portals!

Think, little pals! A Baby in a stable. Was, after all, the Lord of all the earth! And if we listen well our ears are able. To catch the angels' song that hailed His birth. But don't forget, the magic of their singing. Is only heard by those who give it thought. And mine the task is to show forth the bringing. Of that great gift the lowly Baby brought. So, here I am, the old, old wish repeating. Goodwill and Peace,—a Hearty Christmas Greeting!

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XMAS PARTY AT KOWLOON DOCKS.

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

The annual Christmas concert of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club was held on Monday afternoon and provided a wealth of entertainment for all concerned. Mr. R. M. Dyer, C.B.E., General Manager of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co. and Mrs. Dyer, were among those present.

After tea a concert was provided by the children under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mackie.

The full programme was as under:—

Christmas Carol—"Noel," Concert Party.

Open Dance—Concert Party.

Song of Welcome—"A Merry Christmas to You All," Merry Gipsy Song and Dance—"Merry Little Gipsy."

Piano Selection—"Waltz" (By A. Durand).

Fairy Play—"The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Fairies."

Piano Selection—"Cabaletta" (By T. Lack).

Scottish Dance—Strathspey and Reel.

Boys' Sketch—"Two Rounds with the Pirates."

Dance—"Eightsome Reel."

Finale—Christmas Eve Tableau.

Pianist, Miss B. Cullen.

Gipsies:—The Misses Cuthill, Brown, Greig, Goodman, Logan, and Mackie, and Masters Hyman, Lapsley, and Cullen.

Dancers in Reels—The Misses Bell, Brewin, Gow, Goodman, Brown, Calman, Crooklake, and Mackie.

Christmas Eve Tableau:—Chorus (The Misses Logan, McKelvie, and Crooklake).

After the concert "Father Christmas" appeared and made gifts to the children from a well-laden Christmas tree.

U.S. SENATE AND WORLD COURT.

PRESIDENT HOOVER SHOWS HIS SATISFACTION.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Friends of President Hoover to-day said that the Chief Executive is satisfied with the action of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which yesterday voted to postpone further action on proposals providing for American adherence to the World Court until the newly elected 72nd congress convenes for its first session in December of 1931.

President Hoover will not call an extra session of congress nor will he press the World Court issue further in the present or "lame duck" session.

It is the opinion of the President that an extra session of Congress purely for the purpose of considering the World Court question would be an unnecessary expense.

Shortly after the present session of Congress convened early this month the President submitted to the senate for ratification an agreement calling for American adherence to the World Court under the terms of the Root protocol, which was signed by President Taft. The Foreign Relations Committee yesterday, however, ended a battle over consideration of the ratification proposal by postponing action on it for one year.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE HOTELS.

DINNER DANCES AND CARNIVALS.

Arrangements have been made by the various hotels and clubs for entertainment on Christmas Eve. The chief of these attractions this evening is the carnival at the Regency Bay Hotel.

A special dinner dance will be held at the P. Minus Hotel, which will no doubt attract many Kowloon residents and also some from the island.

There will be a dinner dance at the St. Francis Hotel, while the Hotel Cecil is also providing entertainment in the form of a carnival dance, (fancy or evening dress).

CHINESE STEAMSHIP DEVELOPMENTS.

REGULAR SERVICE TO SOUTH SEAS.

Nanking, Dec. 10.—It is learned that preparations for the inauguration of the proposed ocean steamship service between China and the South Seas are being completed by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.

Three routes will be operated; namely, Shanghai-Manila, Shanghai-Singapore, and Shanghai-Dutch East Indies (Samarang, Sourabaya and Batavia). Steps are understood to have already been taken by the Company to charter from a foreign steamship company four to eight passenger steamers. The service, it is expected, will be inaugurated early next spring.

APPEAL AGAINST DRY RULING.

18TH AMENDMENT TO GO TO U.S. SUPREME COURT.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The United States to-day seethed with discussion of yesterday's decision, handed down in Newark, New Jersey, by Federal Judge Clark that the 18th or prohibition amendment is unconstitutional.

To-day Mr. William D. Mitchell, the Attorney General of the United States, ordered Federal Attorney Phillip Moran of Newark to immediately appeal against Judge Clark's ruling directly to the Supreme Court of the United States. Attorney General Mitchell is charged not only with prosecution of prohibition law violations with enforcement of the 18th amendment and the Volstead act, but also with the duty of enabling Judge Clark's decision to be enacted into law. Judge Clark's decision has attracted more nationwide attention and discussion than has any recent event. The "wets" predict that possibly it will be sustained in the land's highest court. The "drys" declare that on appeal Judge Clark's ruling has not a chance.

Judge Clark held the 18th amendment unconstitutional on grounds that it was enacted improperly. He issued his decision in question indictments against two men charged with illegal sale of liquor.

DR. F. PIERCE-GROVE MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING AT FANLING ON FRIDAY.

On Friday (Boxing Day) at 12 noon, the memorial portrait of the late Dr. Frederick Pierce-Grove, the founder of the Fanling Hunt Club, will be unveiled by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

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COLLISION SEQUEL.

EUROPEAN SUED IN THE SUMMARY COURT.

JAPANESE CLAIMS DAMAGES.

Damages to the extent of \$500 was claimed at the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Jacks by Mr. B. Kawahara, proprietor of an eating house at 19, Peking Road, Kowloon, when he sued Principal Printing Office A. B. Didsbury, Victoria Gao, as a sequel to injuries received by plaintiff in a collision between defendant's car and a public ricksha in which plaintiff was a passenger.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, jun., for the defendant.

In opening his case, Mr. Rendall said that it was not necessary for him to prove negligence because defendant had paid \$12.00 into Court.

Mr. D'Almeida said he was not prepared to admit negligence. The money paid into Court was the amount due for medical fees, and the defendant thought it was only fair that he should pay this as the plaintiff saw a doctor on the suggestion of the Inspector on duty at Central Police Station.

Mr. Rendall continued that the accident occurred at Queen's Road near Wellington Barracks. Something struck plaintiff on the back of the neck, dazing him. When he recovered his senses, he found that the car and the ricksha were not there. He reported the accident at Central Police Station and saw Dr. Nicolson, who advised that he should have the soft muscles of his neck massaged.

Mr. Rendall pointed out that there was a Bill of \$31 for massage, \$2.00 for a bath, and \$130 for loss of earnings owing to his injuries.

Defendant's Evidence.

Defendant stated in evidence that he was driving his car, which contained his wife and three children, along Queen's Road, and he was following two other cars. After the second car had passed the ricksha, the ricksha suddenly swerved outwards. Defendant at that time was passing a tram. The brakes were applied, but the fender of his car struck the ricksha wheel gently, lifting it up about six inches. At this time the passenger jumped out and went away, as he was later informed by his wife. The ricksha did not turn over, and only slight damage was done to the wheel.

About a month later, continued defendant, the plaintiff approached him for compensation. A meeting was arranged with Inspector Alexander, but the defendant failed to be present.

Cross-examined by Mr. Rendall, defendant denied that the accident was caused through his not using reasonable care while driving the car.

Inspector Shaffan, who was on duty at the charge room, deposed to receiving reports from both plaintiff and defendant. It was then stated that the ricksha had been paid \$1 as compensation and that the plaintiff had been hurt at the back of his head. Nothing was said with regard to liability.

After hearing the final submissions of the solicitors, his Lordship reserved judgment.

EXTENSION TO Y.M.C.A. BUILDING.

NEW WING TO COST AT \$140,000.

The erection of a new extension to the Young Men's Christian Association building in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, will shortly be put in hand, and it is understood that the cost of the scheme will be approximately \$140,000.

The extension will be the same height as the present building, from which it will extend by 114 feet.

The new wing will include a swimming pool, on the ground floor, lounges and a hall for entertainment purposes in the first and second floors, while the remaining floors will be made use of as residential quarters.

SANITARY BOARD.

ARCHITECT ASKS FOR A RULING.

EATING HOUSE LICENCES DISCUSSED.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, Mr. J. S. Gibson, architect, appeared on behalf of the owner of 2 and 4, Sing Wood Road, whose application for installation of water closets at the premises had been refused.

Mr. Gibson said that he was there to make a strenuous protest. An application for the installation of four water closets was originally approved, but the owner later decided to install only two, in which case he did not consider it necessary to advise the Board of this reduction. Mr. Gibson also said that he could not agree with the Select Committee's view that the installation was a mixed one.

Mr. Lo disagreed with Mr. Gibson, pointing out that the change should be notified, for if the original application was for four water closets and it was required to amend the number, a different set of circumstances might arise which should be considered by the Select Committee.

After further discussion Mr. Gibson requested the Board to favour him with a ruling for his future guidance.

Eating House Licences.

Dr. Basto urged the meeting to refuse an application for an eating house licence at 32, Sai Street. Mr. F. C. Hall also stressed the unsuitability of the premises from the point of view of light and ventilation.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin said that he could not agree with these opinions as there was a licensed place only ten yards away in another street where there was no kitchen and the cooking was done on the pavement.

Put to the vote, the majority of the members were in favour of refusing the application.

Discussion ensued on correspondence relative to an eating house licence at 65, Wing Lok Street. It was explained that the application was refused by the Select Committee, but the applicant has now requested that the matter be reopened.

Application Reconsidered.

Mr. Lo said that he was a party to the refusal of the original application and he was guided in this decision by the report of the Inspectors. The owner had since spent \$1,000 in improvements and he (Mr. Lo) saw no reason why the application should not be considered again. He thought the least the Board can do was to look at the premises before refusing the application.

The Medical Officer of Health, in answer to Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, said that in his opinion the premises would not be suitable for an eating house even with the improvements.

After further discussion the meeting decided to ask the Select Committee to consider the matter again.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided at the meeting, and members present were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E. (D.P.W.), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. R. A. Castro Basto, Mr. H. K. Lo, Dr. G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Mr. F. C. Hall, and Mr. T. N. Chau.

DOUGLAS' LATEST ADVENTURE.

BIG GAME HUNTING TRIP IN INDU-CHINA.

Hollywood, Dec. 16.—Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, the noted cinema star, announced to-day that soon he is going to French Indo-China on a big game hunting expedition.

Mr. Fairbanks said that he will sail from Los Angeles on January 2. He will leave ship in Siam and then go on to Indo-China to prepare for his hunting expedition.

It is presumed that en route to Saigon for his big game hunting, Mr. Fairbanks will pass through Shanghai.

NEW TERRITORIES ASSOCIATION.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING SHOW.

TO BE OPENED BY LADY PEEL.

The final preparations for the New Territories Agricultural Show, which will take place over the week-end at Shek Wu Hui, near the Sheung Shui Railway Station, have just been completed and the indications are that in every respect the show will be a great success.

In anticipation of a large attendance, the committee have made special arrangements with the Kowloon-Canton Railway to run special trains at excursion prices. For this they are indebted to Mr. R. Baker, the manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Lady Peel will open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, and it will remain open during the week-end. Every arrangement for the comfort of visitors has been provided. The Queen's Cafeteria will be catering for European food in the restaurant that will be there and Chinese food will also be available. In this connection, the committee of the Show has arranged for drinks to be available with meals.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Luck and Officers, the pipers of the 3rd Battalion, the 9th Jat Regiment, will play a selection of pipe music on Saturday.

5,000 Exhibits.

Exhibitors from all parts of the New Territories will be participating in the Show, and it is anticipated that there will be some 4,000 to 5,000 exhibits. The committee are indebted to Mr. Wong Kam Fuk and Mr. Wallace Harper for the loan of two motor trucks for the transport of exhibits.

Some very handsome prizes will be presented to the winners, including a very handsome trophy given by H.E. Sir William Peel for competition between the various districts, the winner to be the district that scores the highest number of points in both Chinese and European vegetables. The cup will be won outright by any district winning for two years in succession. In addition to the exhibition of vegetables, there will be a poultry and cattle show.

In addition to the usual efficient police arrangements, the Chinese section of the Police Reserves will be sending twelve men for duty at the Show, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade will have parties of men in attendance on each day.

FATALITY AT KOWLOON GODOWNS.

JURY'S COMMENT REGARDING CRANES.

The circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese, who was killed by a crane falling on him at No. 5 Wharf, Kowloon Godowns, on November 23, was inquired into at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday. Mr. H. R. Butters sat as Coroner assisted by a jury consisting of Messrs. J. H. Shaw (foreman), A. Gerson and J. Hassam.

Dr. Uttley, Medical Officer in charge at the Kowloon Hospital, stated that he examined the body at the mortuary and found that the skull cap and brain were completely smashed, the deceased must have died almost instantaneously.

Expert evidence was then given by Mr. K. C. Hamilton, Government Surveyor, who stated that he examined the crane four days after the accident, and found that the base plate which was made of cast iron was cracked all the way round, leaving the bed plate intact. He found that at the time of the accident the crane must have carried a load of 1,300 lbs. Ordinarily the crane could carry 1,700 lbs. "The only conclusion," he said, "is that some extra load must have been applied to the job of the crane at the time of the accident. The actual weight would not have made the crane break."

At this stage the Coroner decided to adjourn for a time for the jury to pay a visit to the scene of the accident.

After the inspection the Court resumed, and Mr. Sun, a fellow worker of the deceased, stated that on the day of the accident, deceased was working with two other men on the wharf. Witness was on the lighter working the crane which was raising the plate when suddenly the crane broke and fell on the wharf, killing the deceased almost instantly.

Capt. R. D. Thomas of the Kowloon Godowns stated that the lighter was built in 1924 and the crane was installed the following year. The crane had never been used before.

The jury returned a verdict of "death by misadventure," but added that the Kowloon Godown should have their lighters tested with full loads at least every six months.

GAOL WITHOUT THE OPTION.

SENTENCE ON POLICE INTERPRETER.

AN APPEAL POSSIBLE.

Mr. E. H. Williams yesterday passed sentence of two months' hard labour on Li Tan Pui, senior interpreter at Police Headquarters, who appeared on remand on a charge of having attempted to obtain from a licensed hawkler, a sum of \$30 by false pretences.

In giving judgment, his Worship rejected defendant's story that the money was repayment of a loan. He described it as unconvincing. His Worship said he was convinced that defendant had attempted to obtain the \$30.

In sentencing defendant to two months' hard labour his Worship said he bore in mind defendant's long record of good service in the Police Department.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for defendant, asked his Worship to grant a stay of execution as he had received instructions to make the application with a view to appeal.

Apart from the appeal, however, Mr. Lo asked his Worship to treat the defendant as a first offender and to give him the option of a fine.

Mr. Williams said he did not think he could do that. It was a serious offence.

His First Offence.

Mr. Lo pointed out that it was defendant's first offence in 16 years and he felt that a Magistrate in England would take that fact into consideration and would not send the prisoner to gaol. Sending him to prison would not do society any good. He did not think the prosecution were pressing for imprisonment.

Mr. T. Murphy, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, who conducted the prosecution, said the offence was a very serious one. There had been a lot of trouble and corruption among native constables from time to time and the police had to prevent it from reaching the senior interpreters.

The defendant had for years acted as interpreter to the Inspector General of Police and as such was considered the senior interpreter at Headquarters. The fact that the I.G.P. took a serious view of the case was shown by his decision to bring it before the Magistrate instead of simply dismissing the defendant, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, as he had power to do.

His Worship granted a stay of sentence. Bail was increased from \$500 to \$750.

THE NEW CHINESE TARIFF.

CHANGES MADE BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

Further details with reference to the new Chinese tariff have been made public by the Chinese Press which states that, according to reliable information, the National Government held a meeting last week and made certain changes in the new tariff schedule which had been presented by the Ministry of Finance for final examination and approval.

The report says that the highest increase relates to tobacco, cigarettes and liquors, the National Government having fixed the import duty at 50 per cent.

With the exception of certain exempted articles, the lowest duties concern metals and sundries, such as, for instance, keys, paints, saws, glass, etc., these being levied at five per cent.

The duty on matches, which at the present time stands at 7.5 per cent, will go up to as high as 40 per cent, whilst artificial silk and soaps will be taxed to the extent of 30 per cent, as against 10 per cent at present.

A reduction from 25 to 20 per cent is noted on fine arts, drawings, paintings, sculptures, etc., and other duties will remain approximately the same as before with a few minor changes.

An official copy of the new tariff changes, which will become effective on February 1 next, has not yet been received, but it is already known that large stocks of goods, especially those coming under the classification "Luxuries," which they hope, will arrive here before the new dues come into force.

UNITED ASBESTOS AGENCY.

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS OF LIQUIDATION.

POSITION EXPLAINED.

A statement on the work accomplished by the liquidators of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., was made at an extraordinary general meeting of the concern held yesterday. The Company went into voluntary liquidation in March, 1929.

Mr. J. P. Warren presided and others present included the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell, Mr. H. J. Silva, Mr. R. S. Vieira and Mr. W. M. Barton (acting secretary).

The Chairman addressed the meeting on the present position of the liquidation, when he said:—Gentlemen, as you will remember, a meeting of shareholders was held on March 10, 1929, at which a resolution was passed to the effect that the Asbestos Company should go into voluntary liquidation with the late General Managers as liquidators. The present meeting, as you are aware, has been called to enable the liquidators to lay before the meeting an account of their acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up during the year following the confirmation of the resolution for the winding-up of the Company.

Disposal of Stocks.

During this period the liquidators have been gradually disposing of stocks in hand and collecting outstanding, which has enabled the overdraft with the bank to be paid off. You have had in your hands a statement giving the balance sheet and Profit and Loss Account as at May 10, 1929, summary of liquidators' receipts and payment May 11, 1929, to May 10, 1930, Realisation Account for same period, and also a statement of affairs as at May, 1930. Since then, the work of liquidation has taken its usual course, with the result that the Sundry Debtors Account has been reduced to \$1,019.98.

Further sales of stocks and materials have been made, amounting to \$2,599.05, this reducing the figure of outstanding stocks to \$15,849.27. The credit balance at the bank now amounts to \$12,618.40. The balance of stock will be liquidated gradually, and every opportunity will be availed of to close out this account as soon as possible, although you will realise that there are certain items of which it is very difficult to dispose. Metallisation plant has been partly disposed of and we are in treaty for the sale of the balance, together with the patent rights. It has been found very difficult to find a purchaser for the steam launch which is on the books at \$1,000, but here again we must await more favourable conditions.

The property at Taikookui, standing on the books at \$87,000, should realise considerably more than this, but we have not as yet received any satisfactory offers.

UNION WATERBOAT MEETING.

SHAREHOLDERS CONFIRM RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., on December 8, were confirmed by another meeting of shareholders held yesterday.

Mr. J. P. Warren (Chairman) moved the confirmation of the resolution which was seconded by Mr. W. L. Van Eps and carried unanimously.

At a further meeting, convened immediately afterwards to discuss a resolution regarding a scheme of arrangement of the company's finances, the motion was seconded by Mr. D. W. Stevenson, and carried unanimously.

Besides the Chairman, there were present Messrs. R. C. Cheung, T. F. Lam, and A. van Gelder (directors) and Mr. D. E. da Souza (secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. E. Van Eps, L. G. S. Dodwell, and D. V. Stevenson.

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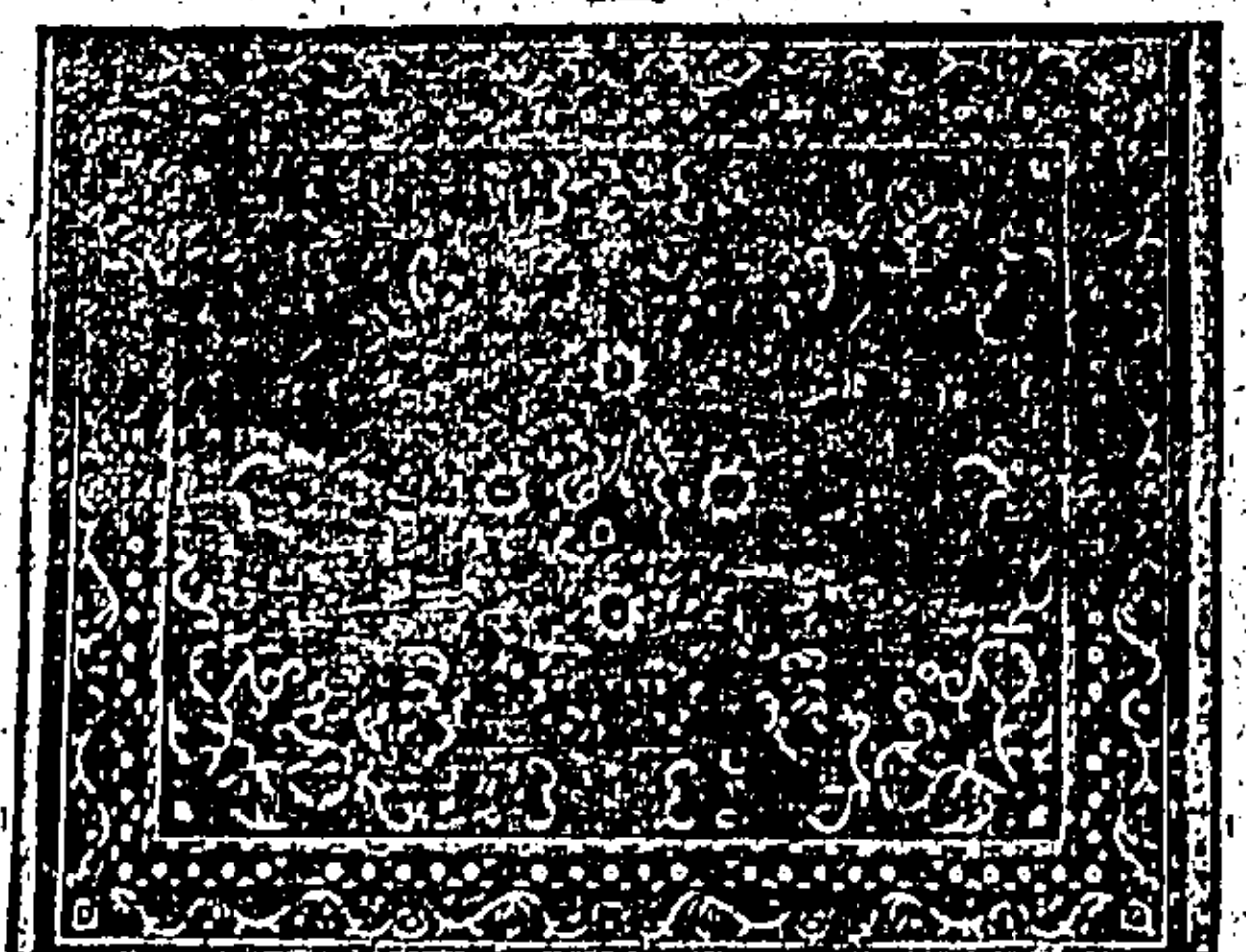
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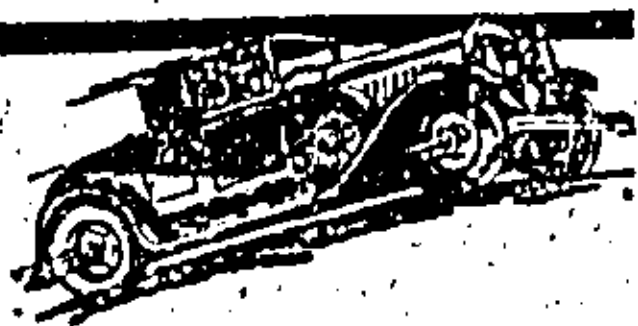
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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Government
Ordinance, the EXCHANGE
BANKS will be CLOSED for the
TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSI-
NESS on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and
SATURDAY, 25th, 26th and 27th
DECEMBER (XMAS HOLIDAYS).
Hong Kong, 19th Dec., 1930. [10278]

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-
cast and remarks, issued by the
Royal Observatory at 6.55 p.m.,
stated:—

A strong anti-cyclone is central
over the lower Yangtze Valley.
Strong monsoon will continue along
the S.E. coast of China and over
the N. China Sea.
Local Forecast:—N.E. winds,
fresh; overcast at first; improving
later.

DEATHS.

BARRIOS.—On December 22, at
Shanghai, ZELINDA A. BARRIOS.
(Macao and Bangkok papers
please copy).

DANTER.—On December 17, suddenly
at Auckland, New Zealand,
JAMES, late of China Navigation
Co., aged 37 years.

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THE MOTOR TRADE.

According to figures recently pub-
lished under American auspices,
there are approximately 35,000,000
motor vehicles now in use through-
out the world. Of this grand total,
the American Continent accounts
for approximately 82 per cent.,
Europe for 13 per cent., Asia for
1 per cent., Oceania for 2 per cent.,
and Africa for 1 per cent. The
growth of the world total has re-
cently been very rapid. At the
beginning of 1925, it was 21,450,000;
in 1926, 24,569,000; in 1927,
27,650,000; in 1928, 29,687,000; in
1929, 33,029,000; and in 1930,
34,877,000.

No less striking than the in-
crease in the total, however, is its
uneven distribution throughout the
world. This phenomenon is gen-
erally expressed in terms of popula-
tion. It is pointed out, for in-
stance, that while there are only
41 persons per motor vehicle in the
United States, and 8 per vehicle in
Canada, there are as many as
thirty-two in the United Kingdom,
33 in France, 102 in Germany, and
177 in Italy. This method is mis-
leading. The "density" of motor
vehicles in any one country obviously
depends in part on the road
mileage available. When this
method of measurement is applied,
the discrepancy between the United
States and the United Kingdom is
shown to be much less than is
generally realized. There are, in
fact, on the average, 8.17 motor
vehicles to every mile of road in the
U.S.A., and 7.23 vehicles in the
United Kingdom. Similarly, the
"density" in America, on this
basis, is not 22 times, but less than
31 times, as great as in Germany.

Clearly, while the "density" of
motor vehicles is far greater in the
United States than in any other
part of the world (with the pos-
sible exception of Great Britain),
the balance has begun slowly to
right itself. During the last five
years, while the total vehicles in
the United States has increased by
40 per cent., the total in the rest
of the world, taken as a whole, has
increased by as much as 125 per
cent. The United States, however,
still has 76 per cent. of the world's
motor vehicles.

It has been estimated that, last
year, the world production of new
motor vehicles was approximately
6,288,000, of which the United States
accounted for 5,358,000, Canada for
201,000, Great Britain for 229,000,
France for 294,000, Germany for
70,000, and Italy for 64,000. Of the
total British output, approxima-
tely 70 per cent. was in the form of
private cars and 24 per cent. in
commercial vehicles. The American
output, on the other hand, was
largely for this year, while the
British private car production is
expected to have been temporarily
reduced to 150,000 cars against over
180,000 in 1929.

The most interesting question
from the British point of view, at
the moment, is the effect which the
opening of the new Ford works at
Dagenham, late next year, may
have on British production and
prices. The economic output of the
Dagenham works has been put in
the neighbourhood of 250,000 cars a
year. This is more than the pre-
sent output of the whole British
industry, but it is possible that only
about one-fourth of the Ford output
will be marketed in Great Britain
and the remainder mainly on the
Continent. It will probably be
considered highly desirable to bring
down the Dagenham costs of pro-
duction to a level not greater than
that of the existing Detroit works
plus trans-Atlantic freight. At
present, the cost of production in
America is put at about £75, on an
average, with £10 for ocean
freightage, and various charges for
advertising, agents' commission,
and profit, etc. On this basis it
may well be that the Ford car will
have a selling price of something
like £120, to be reduced, possibly,
later to around £100. Given such a
price level as this, competition
will obviously become keen among
existing British producers, and the
latter's present schedules of prices
cannot be regarded as fixed for all
time. The announcement by Sir
WILLIAM MORRIS that Morris
Motors, Limited, are putting a
£100 model on the market, is an
indication of how the new competi-
tion will be met.

CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTER.
In Dr. C. T. WANG the Chinese
Government has a Foreign Minister
of exceptional vision and diplo-
matic skill. His record for the
past year is certainly one of which
any statesman would have reason
to be proud. The rendition of Wei
Hai Wei has been completed, and
the policy of gradually recovering
the concessions of territory and
annulling the privileges granted in
the past to European nations is
being pursued with quiet persist-
ence. Dr. WANG is a man of great
personal charm, he has had a
Western education and he knows
the European point of view. An
avowed enemy of the extremist and
of the anti-foreigner among his
countrymen, he emphasised in his
recent speech at the Waichiao
that there had been an increasing
response by foreign Powers to
China's national sentiments. Tact-
fully he singles out Great Britain
for a special bouquet. On the other
hand, he warns his countrymen that
China must be prepared to recip-
rocate foreign good-will and accord
due protection to foreign life and
property throughout the Republic.
Dr. WANG knows, in fact, that in
the diplomatic game every internal
reform represents a trump card in
his hand. A courageous decision by
the courts, a new university, a
model prison, motor roads and
waterworks are as useful to him
as the defeat of a war-lord, the
prompt rescue of a kidnapped
foreigner and the clean up of Bias
Bay. Equally he sees that the
irregular action of a boycott com-
mittee, the default of a Chinese
bank or an unjust decision by a
Chinese judge are points against
his policy. There is none of the
truculent blustering of Mr. EUGENE
CHENG, nor does he follow the old
Imperial method of playing off one
Power against another and hoping
that they will not suddenly combine
against him. Well-timed use is
made of the League of Nations, and
when Disarmament is under dis-
cussion at Geneva the Chinese dele-
gates reiterate the traditional
abhorrence of his nation for war
and militarism.

Dr. WANG plays with his cards
on the table. He never misses a
point in his favour any more than
he will quibble over a fair one
against him. The foreign policy
of the Chinese Republic has been
stated, and he is the chief instru-
ment in its expression. He moves
quietly towards his goal with the
sure knowledge that he has behind
him, not modern armies and navies,
but the momentum of about a fourth
of the human race. He does not
deny deficiencies; he asks for help
in putting things right, and he
admits that the process of modern-
isation must be gradual. Sometimes
the great masses behind him stop
and quarrel and do the last thing
he would wish. Dr. WANG patiently
adjusts his steps, so as not to get too
far in front of them.

There will be a scratch hockey
match among the members of the
Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club
at Sookpoo on Saturday, at 3.30
p.m.

Whilst on her voyage to Hong
Kong from Canton on Monday, the
s.s. Kwong Sang collided with a
junk, which was in tow, and went
aground for a short while. She
reached Hong Kong at 10 p.m. the
same day.

One death (Chinese) from typhoid
and three deaths (one non-Chinese)
from diphtheria were reported for
the 24 hours ended December 22.
For the week ended December 22,
one death from diphtheria, 2 deaths
from enteric fever, and 68 deaths
from pulmonary tuberculosis were
reported.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yester-
day, Mr. Butters granted an
application for one week's formal
remand of prisoners in connection
with the case in which Chan Ming
and Chan Sik are charged with the
larceny of various articles. It
is alleged that the defendants
broke into No. 293, Lai Chi Kok
Road, second floor, on December
21.

A solid and useful desk calendar,
mounted on a wood stand has been
received from Messrs. Watanabe
Boothland, dealers in silks, curios
and general merchandise. Messrs.
Wm. Powell, Ltd., send us as usual
a neat little desk calendar in violet
and gold. From Messrs. Mackin-
non, Mackenzie & Co. the local
agents for the P. & O. and affiliated
lines, comes a diary and almanac
for 1931, containing a number of
maps showing the services main-
tained by the Company, coloured
plates of national and code flags,
and a mass of most useful shipping
and general information.

★ News and Views ★

A wood exchange has been opened
in Paris, for the purpose of cen-
tralizing the lumber trade and to
serve as a meeting place for French
and foreign dealers each week.

The famous German captain of
the raiding cruiser Seefalke, Count
Luckner, suffered severe injuries in
a motor-car accident while travelling
from Milwaukee to Chicago in a
heavy snowstorm.

The French Ministry of Justice
announces that the number of
French bankers and financiers at
present under criminal charges in
connection with the recent financial
scandals now totals 181.

The Danziger Volksstimme states
that the much-discussed American
film version of Erich Maria Rem-
arque's story "All Quiet on the
Western Front" has been forbidden
throughout Poland as being pervad-
ed by a pernicious spirit.

The Colonial Institute in France
has opened a subscription list for
the purpose of giving to M. Pas-
quier a souvenir of his recent aero-
plane trip from French Indo-China
to Paris. The presentation will be
made at a luncheon which is short-
ly to be given in his honour.

'Varsity Men Who Are Afraid.

Young men just ready to leave
Oxford often came to a psycho-
analyst if they felt afraid, said Pro-
fessor William Brown, to the
National Council for Hygiene. "I
do not encourage that," he added,
"for they are just running away
from life."

Phyllis Dare's Illness.

Miss Phyllis Dare has escaped
the operation which was thought
might be necessary following her
sudden illness at Bournemouth.
Appendicitis was feared, but it was
learned later the doctor was satis-
fied with Miss Dare's progress and
that she hoped to be about again in
a day or two. Miss Dare was play-
ing in the dramatic play "Cheat-
ed."

Future of Farnham Castle.

The Bishop of Guildford is to live
in Farnham Castle. This decision
was made by the Guildford Dioc-
esan Conference, and Mrs. Rupert
Anderson announced that the fund
promoted by her to enable the
castle to be used for this and
other church purposes had reached
£18,118. The Bishop said that in
his view, Farnham Castle, as the
house of his predecessors, was his
proper place of residence.

Gunn Stays With Notts.

Cricketers will be happy to hear
that that fine batsman, George
Gunn, has decided not to forsake
first-class cricket for the league
game. Notts are paying him a re-
taining fee, and he says, will have
first claim on my services. If I sign
for a league club there will be a
clause in the agreement to that
effect. I would not think of leaving
Notts while my services are requir-
ed.

Mr. Octavius Bell, managing
director of Dealand & Co., the well-
known piano manufacturers, of
Sydney, N.S.W., was killed in a
motor-crash last Tuesday. He was
80 years of age.

The Munich police carried out a
large-scale raid on the offices and
resorts of the Communist Party
throughout the Palatinate. It is
stated that a number of rifles,
hand grenades, bayonets and uni-
forms were seized together with
documents pointing to the Com-
munists making active military pre-
parations for a rising.

A new champion has arisen of the
German National Socialist cause in
the person of Captain Helmuth von
Muecke, who during the war won
fame and international recognition
when, after the sinking of the
cruiser Emden which he had left
with a small landing party on the
Cocos Islands, he together with his
men boarded the sailing-boat Asia
and after many adventures reached
the Arabian coast and finally Ger-
many. Von Muecke had left the
National Socialist Party some time
ago but again joined it now and on
Tuesday addressed a mass-meeting
of the party in Berlin along the
usual extremist lines.

Promotion for V.O. Swimmer.

Lieut. Colonel B. C. Freyberg,
V.C., D.S.O., the famous soldier
and swimmer, has been appointed
Assistant Quartermaster-General,
Southern Command, as from June,
1931. In an attempt to swim the
Channel the Colonel gave up when
only 400 yards from the English
shore.

Gardens for Whitehall?

A range of gardens, with seats
for those who wish to rest in the
vicinity of the Cenotaph, on the
river side of Whitehall, is part of
the scheme for new great Govern-
ment buildings in Whitehall. The
gardens will only be possible if
the Embankment frontage of the
new buildings is fixed according to
the recommendations of the Royal
Fine Art Commission. In order to
get sanction for this deviation from
the frontage fixed by an Act of 1912,
Mr. George Lansbury, First Com-
missioner of Works, is about to in-
troduce a Short Bill in Parliament.

Capt. Britten, Commander of the
Francia, has been appointed to
the command of the Berengaria.
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A singular mishap occurred on
the river at Shanghai when two
ships which have not yet been
identified swished past the steamer
Lina, carrying away her moorings.
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swung with the tide and rammed
the Great Northern Telegraph
cableship Pacific, which broke away
from her buoy. The latter vessel
crashed into the Japanese freighter
Takusan Maru, damaging her
stern rails and plates. Page 11.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The Yauwatti School sports have
been postponed to Monday next.

Pang Tim Hung, a native doctor,
reported to the Police that on
Monday night while he was ascend-
ing the staircase to his house he
was attacked by a man with a knife.
After receiving a cut in his fore-
head, the doctor succeeded in dis-
arming his assailant. The man,
however, threw pepper in the
doctor's face, and had little diffi-
culty in effecting an escape.

After having collected about 800
for his employers on Monday even-
ing, Ip Fong, a foki, found him-
self confronted by three men in Soy
Street who insisted on searching
him. Believing they were police
officers, the foki obeyed but soon
discovered that he had been robbed
of the money that he had collect-
ed. A description of the robbers
had been given to the police.

Admitting having stolen 40 yards
of canvas from H.M.S. Berwick, a
Chinese was sentenced to three
months' hard labour by Mr. Wil-
liams at the Central Magistracy
yesterday. The canvas, valued at
\$80, was taken ashore by two
coolies, when they were stopped by
a Chinese detective. When ques-
tioned, the coolies said they were
employed by the defendant to carry
the canvas.

The theft of electrical goods,
valued at \$2,500, from the godown
of the China Electric Company at
42, Lockhart Road, Wanchai, dur-
ing the week-end, has been report-
ed to the Police. The theft was
discovered on Monday, and it ap-
pears that the thieves broke in
through the door. Electric torch cases
and unit cells formed the major
portion of the booty taken away
by the thieves.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

In a summary action Mr. Dida-
bury was sued for \$500 damages as
a sequel to a motor-car and ricksha
collision. Page 9.

Some discussion on the granting
of eating-house licences took place
at the Sanitary Board meeting. Page 9.

A Coroner's inquiry was held into
the death of a Chinese who was
killed by a crane at Kowloon
Wharf. Page 9.

The erection of a new extension
to the Y.M.C.A. building in Kow-
loon will shortly be proceeded with.
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A Christmas Tea, followed by a
concert by juveniles, was held on
Monday at the Kowloon Docks. Page 5.

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Sport.

Cricketer Notes by R. Abbott.

Home football fixtures for to-
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Latest Cables.

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dense in many parts of the London
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the reception to the Indian de-
legates to the Round Table Con-
ference in the Imperial Institute.
The Secretary of State for India,
Mr. Wedgwood Benn, and Mrs.
Wedgwood Benn received the
guests, who included, in addition to
the delegates, many distinguished
figures in British public life. Page 11.

Ex-President Coolidge condemns
the U.S. Treasury for interfering
with commodity prices as being
likely to make matters worse. He
says that it will be better to let
the losers bear the losses rather
than try to make somebody else
shoulder them. His attack is be-
lieved to be levelled as President
Hoover's endeavour to maintain
the wheat prices. Page 11.

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Looking Back 25 Years.

A Tientsin vernacular journal
states that the Japanese sometime
ago had the intention of beginning
a campaign of Buddhist propa-
ganda in China; but, being
engaged with other affairs, they
postponed their intention. Now, it
is said, this question has again
been raised. According to reports,
monks from the temple of Hai-Peng
Yuan-su (this is the Chinese form
of Western Hongwanji) intend
building in Peking, on the site of
the former Japanese Legation, a
large Buddhist temple, with the
object of propagating Buddhism
among the Chinese. The opinions
of the Chinese Government about
this question are not yet definitely
known.—Hong Kong Daily Press,
December 24, 1930.

Looking Back 50 Years.

Crime in the Colony is at present
at a very low ebb. On the other
hand the goal is exceptionally full.
There can be no doubt that the
system of keeping old offenders
locked up for considerable terms
and treating them rigorously has
a good effect in diminishing crime,
as when the men are safely lodged
in goal they cannot be preying upon
their neighbours. The principle of
dealing severely with old offenders
is an undoubtedly sound one. But
in the repression of crime, in
addition to imprisonment, flogging
and deportation may also be used
to great advantage. The past ex-
perience of the Colony has amply
proved this, and the fact is solemnly
set forth in the recitals of several
Ordinances.—Hong Kong Daily
Press, December 24, 1930.

**CHRISTIAN MARTYR-
DOM IN CHINA.****REDS' INHUMAN TORTURE
OF FATHER MARCUS.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23. Evidence that Christian martyrdom is still existent is furnished by the story of the terrible death suffered by Father Marcus Ho at the hands of the Communists in the mountainous district in south-east Hupeh.

Father Marcus was driven out of his parish in November last, but he returned with the intention of regaining the vestments and sacred vessels at the mission.

On his arrival at the mission station, the Communists seized and stripped Father Marcus, beat him terribly and blinded him with lime. Then they led him a short distance and tied a rope around his neck and slowly strangled him, and buried him without even a coffin.

**REBELLIOUS MARSHAL
AT LAST DEPARTS.****DESTINATION BELIEVED TO
BE JAPAN.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TIENTSIN, Dec. 22. After a postponement of two years, during which more than 100 telegrams had been sent from North China reporting his departure for abroad, Marshal Yen Hsi Shan, Commander of the Northern rebellion, boarded a Japanese vessel for Dairen to-day to sail for Japan.

Japanese police at the Japanese settlement co-operated with the Manchurian special detectives in rendering protection to the ex-Shansi Governor and his family.

At the wharf Marshal Yen chatted freely with his Shansi friends and military officers before sailing.

**MERAPI VOLCANO
ERUPTION.****GROUP OF NATIVES CUT
OFF.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BATAVIA, Dec. 22. The death roll in the eruption of the volcano at Merapi on Friday is now estimated at about 700.

The volcano is still active, and all the villages in the danger zone have been evacuated.

An army aeroplane flying over the stricken zone saw a group of natives completely cut off.

An attempt will be made to drop them food by means of a parachute.

**PHILADELPHIA BANK
FAILS.****CLOSING DUE TO "STEADY
SEEPAGE" OF DEPOSITS.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22. The Bankers' Trust Company of Philadelphia and its 19 branches in this city closed to-day by order of the State Secretary of Banking.

The bank is one of the most prominent institutions in Philadelphia, with assets totalling \$11,000,000. The president of the bank states that the closing is due to the "steady seepage" of deposits, due to withdrawals during the last few days.

The president added that action had been taken in order to conserve the assets and for the protection of depositors and stockholders. He declared that the bank was "solvent, but was harassed by the withdrawal of deposits."

The police have been summoned in case crowds gathered. Meanwhile, measures have been taken to get the situation in hand.

The bank had approximately 13,500 depositors with deposits amounting to \$44,034,582.

New York, Dec. 22. The closing of four more small banking institutions is announced from Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and Indiana, including the City National Bank of Miami, with resources of \$7,000,000 and deposits of nearly \$6,000,000.

**CHINA'S POLITICAL
OUTLOOK.****REVIEW BY CHINESE
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 23. A review of the political outlook in China, submitted to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce by Dr. Kuang Son Young (Special Commissioner in Europe of the Chinese Government), has just been issued.

The review expresses the opinion that the renewal of the treaty on which the Chinese and British relations rests, which is to expire two years hence, is plainly impossible.

Nationalist China, while desirous of abolishing extra-territoriality, does not desire the abolition of foreign legitimate interests, property rights, and personal safety.

Dr. Young notes with satisfaction the decrease of foreigners in China who have always urged their Governments to adopt a "strong" policy.

Discussing China's international status, Dr. Young says that Nationalist China wants the passing of the unequal treaty régime. But what is even more important is the passing of the fossil mentality, which augurs well for friendly relations between China and the Powers. The reaction caused by the foreign Powers disliking is vanishing. China is not all war and banditry. She is getting ahead, and since the "Three Eastern Provinces" (Dr. Young objects to the name Manchuria) have sided with the Central Government the outlook for peace and stability of commerce is brightening daily.

**SPAIN'S XMAS LOTTERY
DRAW.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MADRID, Dec. 22. The recent revolutions forgotten, all eyes are now turned on the great Christmas Lottery Draw, which has not been hindered as a result of the declaring of martial law. The prizes and the lucky numbers in the draw are as follows:—

1st Prize (15,000,000 Pesetas).—Ticket No. 24630.
2nd Prize (4,000,000 Pesetas).—Ticket No. 10636.
3rd Prize (3,000,000 Pesetas).—Ticket No. 21707.
4th Prize (1,000,000 Pesetas).—Ticket No. 20151.

Some of the Prize-Winners.
A happy Christmas is assured to many humble homes in Valencia district which share the two first prizes in the Christmas Lottery which total £700,000.

The workers' club of the little village of Masado won £40,000. The men dropped tools in the fields and deserted their ox teams when they learned of their good luck, while the church bells pealed the glad tidings.

The well-known bullfighter, Felix Rodriguez, won £70,000. Two series of 35,000 tickets were issued this year, each costing £45.

Lucky Walters.
The third prize in the Christmas Lottery has been won by the Waiters' Association, one waiter winning 18,000 Pesetas.

**BANK OF PORTUGAL
NOTE SWINDLE.****DEFERRED JUDGMENT IN
FAVOUR OF BANK.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 22. Mr. Justice Wright gave judgment in the King's Bench Division to-day in favour of the Bank of Portugal for £331,831 against Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, printers, of whom Sir William Waterlow, ex-Lord Mayor of London, is a director.

The case was a sequel to the amazingly bold coup by a swindler fraudulently obtaining over £1,000,000 worth of bank notes direct from Waterlows on forged orders.

The Bank of Portugal sued Waterlows for £1,116,613, alleging, alternatively, breach of contract, negligence, or conversion in connection with the printing of the Portuguese bank notes.

Plaintiffs' Counsel asserted that the bank had been deceived by the swindler, who had obtained the notes by means of a forged letter from the Governor of the Bank of Portugal, and ordered notes which were duly supplied and circulated.

Defendants' Counsel raised legal arguments which the Judge decided to hear next term. He therefore deferred entering judgment.

**SHANGHAI BANKER
KIDNAPPED.****BOLD HOLD-UP IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23. Boldly operating in broad daylight, armed kidnappers halted the automobile of the manager of the Manufacturers' Bank of China and shot and killed the chauffeur, wounded the banker's eldest daughter and a male Chinese and abducted the banker.

**ROUND-TABLE
CONFERENCE.****FRANCHISE FOR WOMEN
OF INDIA.**

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Dec. 22. In the Franchise Committee of the Round Table Conference to-day speeches were delivered by Mrs. Subbarayan and the Begum Shah Nawaz, who submitted a memorandum on the position of the women under the proposed new Indian constitution.

Voting Qualification: Discrepancy. The speakers said that it was vital that the Round Table Conference itself should define the future position of the women, as it would be hard to secure a proper examination of the question if it were postponed to future dates after the Indian Constitution had been reformed and the claims of others to special consideration been weighed and settled. The present voting qualification was given on equal terms to men and women and was based mainly on property, and produced in actual practice a very great discrepancy between them in voting power, as the number of women holding property was small. They hoped that a franchise qualification would be accepted, giving women their due weight in returning representatives to the legislative bodies.

Seats on Legislatures for Women. They also felt strongly the necessity for special consideration of the question of seats for women on the legislatures. Even with a franchise which produced equal voting power with men they doubted whether at first real equality of opportunity in the political arena would be produced, owing to the force of convention and habit.

In view of the importance of the first years of India's new life, it was vital that the voice of women on the legislatures should be heard, and they urged some special arrangements allotting temporarily a small proportion of seats to women. Later, when the public was no longer startled by the conception of women in public life and had learnt to appreciate their presence, such provision should no longer be necessary. They further suggested that the principle that sex should be no disqualification for serving the country should be embodied in the constitution.

Should Basis of Franchise be Broadened? After a general discussion the Franchise Committee discussed the question of the number of voters in the provincial legislatures and whether the basis of franchise should be broadened. As to the general basis of franchise, views were freely expressed by the delegates. In the Simon report the extension of the franchise to include 10 per cent. of the adult population was recommended.

The view was advanced to-day that the increase might be up to 25 per cent., and the suggestion was made that such a proposal might be accepted for a period of 10 years, subject to a review every decade.

There was some further discussion on the Miki idea that groups of, say, 20 villagers should elect one of their number to go on the voters' register as their "voice." The general sense of the meeting was that whilst the basis of franchise should be governed by what was practicable by expert franchise to the qualifications of voters it was felt that an expert Committee should be asked to ensure as far as possible the same proportion of voters to the population in the different communities, thus removing to a large extent the disabilities which many communities now suffer. Considerable discussion took place on whether there should be property qualification, and there appeared to be general agreement that some form of economic qualification was desirable.

Federal Structure Discussion. The Federal Structure Discussion Committee continued its general discussion to-day of number four of the heads of subjects prepared by the Lord Chancellor, Mr. Justice Sankey, with special reference to the distribution of seats in the Upper and Lower Houses between (Continued at foot of next column.)

**SHIPPING MISHAP AT
SHANGHAI.****SEVERAL VESSELS
INVOLVED.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23. A singular mishap occurred on the river when two unidentified ships swished past the steamer Linn, carrying away her moorings.

The Linn, utterly out of control, swung with the tide. Her stern rammed the Great Northern Telegraph Company's cableship Pacific, breaking her buoy.

The Pacific in turn swung with the tide and crashed into the Japanese freighter Takasaka Maru, damaging her starboard rails and plates.

Meantime, the Linn let go both her port and starboard anchors, and in doing so fouled her buoy, and the cableship followed suit, dropping both anchors.

The situation was gradually brought under control. The harbour officials are unable to positively identify the two ships which started the trouble, but one of them is believed to have been the Swedish ship Nagara.

The extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained.

**"PETER WARLOCK"
INQUEST.****VERDICT EITHER ACCIDENT
OR SUICIDE.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 22. At the inquest at Hammer Smith on Mr. Philip Hesseltine, the British composer, whose nom de plume was "Peter Warlock," a pathologist testified that death was due to gas poisoning.

The two composers, Van Dieren and Ireland, gave evidence. The former said he visited "Warlock" on the evening before his death and found him sober and normal.

The latter expressed the opinion that "Warlock" was worried about his work.

A young woman with whom "Warlock" had lived testified that she attended a dance on the night of his death and when she returned in the morning she was unable to gain admission. They had not previously quarrelled, but "Warlock" was worried over thinking himself a failure as a composer.

He had three days previously threatened to commit suicide. Deceased's mother testified that her son had long been separated from his wife. He wrote to witness affectionately on November 15, saying that he had much rather visit her at any time but Christmas, which was for him a "season of gloom and melancholy."

After evidence about the state of the gas-pipe in the flat, the jury gave a verdict that they were unable to determine whether death was due to an accident or suicide.

The Coroner commented on the musical world's loss of a figure prominent both in composition and literature.

**COMMAND OF THE
BERENGARIA.****CAPT. BRITTON APPOINTED.**

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Dec. 23. Captain Britton, Commander of the Cunard liner Franconia, has been appointed to command the Berengaria in succession to Commodore Sir Arthur Boston.

Capt. Britton has commanded in the past the Aquitania, Mauretania and Samaria. In 1928 he was appointed to the Franconia, in which he made two world cruises.

**IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
RECEPTION.****IN HONOUR OF INDIAN
CONFERENCE DELEGATES.**

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Dec. 23. There were brilliant scenes at the Government reception in the Imperial Institute last night in honour of the delegates to the Round Table Conference.

The Secretary of State for India and Mrs. Wedgwood Benn received the guests, who included, in addition to the delegates, many distinguished figures in British public life.

The Federating Union. Consideration of the representation of the Crown was deferred until the constitution, character, powers, and responsibilities of the federal executive was before the committee.

**ATTACK ON PUNJAB
GOVERNOR.****SIX SHOTS FIRED BY
STUDENTS.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LAHORE, Dec. 23. The Governor of the Punjab was fired on but not injured.

Six shots were fired at the Governor, Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, in the University Hall while he was attending a Convocation.

The Governor was slightly wounded above the left hip and left arm. Two policemen were wounded. Two students were arrested.

Governor Walks Out of Hospital. New DELHI, Dec. 23. It is officially stated that four shots were fired at close quarters on the Punjab Governor as he was leaving the Senate Hall of the Lahore University, causing a flesh wound in the left arm and a grazing wound in the back.

The Governor was conveyed to hospital, where his wounds were dressed, and he walked out smoking a cigarette and was driven to Government House.

Lady Doctor Also Wounded. The two policemen who were shot are not in a serious condition. A lady doctor was also wounded.

**RESTRICTION IN TEA
PRODUCTION.****POLICY CONTINUING NEXT
YEAR.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22. A meeting of the Tea Growers' Association decided almost unanimously to continue the restriction policy in 1931 on the same lines as in 1930, except that it would not apply to the purchase of native grown tea, as that particular phase of the regulations already proved impracticable, as native grown tea passed through other channels in defiance of the regulations.

The decision of the Dutch Indies Tea Growers' Association means a limitation to 233,000,000 pounds. The Dutch native tea crop amounts to about 33,000,000 pounds annually.

**FOGGY WEATHER IN
LONDON.****THICKER THAN FOR MANY
YEARS.**

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Dec. 23. In parts of the London area the fog last night became thicker than for many years.

The fog continued to-day, giving place to light rain in some areas. Similar conditions were experienced in many parts of England, notably the Midlands and the East Coast, although the Southern counties and coasts experienced bright sunshine throughout yesterday and again to-day.

While vessels are being held up in the Thames Estuary, the visibility was quite good at Southampton and Hull.

**ECONOMIC RAPPROCHE-
MENT.****AGREEMENT BETWEEN SIX
EUROPEAN NATIONS.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

OSLO, Dec. 22. A communique with regard to the tariff truce negotiations which have been proceeding here between representatives of Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden says a treaty for an economic rapprochement was signed to-day.

The treaty provides that the signatories will not raise their tariff rates or introduce new tariffs without consulting each other.

OBITUARY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BUCHAREST, Dec. 22. The death is announced of Vintila Bratianu, leader of the Liberal Party.

**COMMODITY PRICES
IN AMERICA.****MR. COOLIDGE CONDEMNS
TREASURY INTERFERENCE.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. Ex-President Coolidge, in a statement to the Press, condemns the Treasury's interference with the price of commodities as being likely to make matters worse.

He is of the opinion that it will be better to let the losers bear the losses rather than try to make somebody else shoulder them.

His attack is believed to be directed against President Hoover's endeavour to maintain the wheat prices.

**INDIAN SITUATION
GRAVE.****RECURRENCE OF
VIOLENT OUTBREAKS.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 22. The Government of India's review of the situation up to December 20 sees an increasing tendency on the part of the Gandhi following towards the use of force, and mentions the recent outbreaks of violence in Bombay and Ahmedabad, and the recrudescence of the terrorist movement in Bengal. A vigorous no-tax campaign is being pursued in the United Provinces.

Economic Causes. The Government of India's appreciation of the situation up to December 20 states there have been further acts of sabotage in Bombay city, followed by clashes with the police, which, together with other recent incidents, show that resistance to the boycott on the part of cloth dealers is being followed by an abandonment of the pretence of non-violence and an increasing tendency towards the use of force.

Deterioration in Tone of Press. The deterioration of the tone of the Press continues, and a small section is giving direct or indirect incitement to crimes of violence. There is nothing communal in the outrages reported. The causes appear to be economic, supplemented by the encouragement given by the spirit of lawlessness fostered by the civil disobedience movement.

**HOSPITAL PATIENTS
GASSED.****TEN DEATHS AND THIRTEEN
INJURED.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PRAGUE, Dec. 22. Ten inmates of a hospital have died and 13 were seriously injured after the disinfection of the building with cyanide of potassium gas. Apparently the wards were insufficiently ventilated after the process.

**ROYAL FAMILY'S
CHRISTMAS.****KING AND QUEEN LEAVE
FOR SANDRINGHAM.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 22. Their Majesties, with their grand-daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret of York, left King's Cross to-day for Sandringham to spend Christmas with their family, including the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince George.

Their Majesties, who were very cheerful and were photographed at the station, departed amid the cheers of the crowds.

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Sports News

CRICKET TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.

R. ABBIT'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Last Saturday was a dull day as regards cricket, and the weather did not help matters very much. It was overcast for the most part and very muggy. Bowling was an uncommonly heating performance! There was quite an interesting game between "the Under and the Over Thirties." Incidentally a spectator was heard to observe that the old gentlemen could still teach the youngsters something about fielding. It struck me as the sort of remark which might get him into trouble with both sides. But it must be admitted that there was nothing to be learned about the Over-Thirty fielding.

The Over Thirty batted first and Pearce and Sayer seemed quite at home. The former, who has been batting beautifully this year, looked as if he was in for a big score, as he was timing the fast bowler beautifully; but unfortunately, he seemed to be taken by surprise by one of Owen Hughes' leg breaks, and half played at it. He then tried to get his bat out of the way, with the result that he was taken in the slips off a quick catch. Sayer also played with confidence and hit a lofty six nearly into the Law Courts off Owen Hughes. However, he was careless with one of Bowker's off balls which got up pretty steeply, and just touched it, giving a simple chance to first slip.

A Good Stand.
Mitchell and Thorp, however, soon put a better complexion on the game. The former batted very steadily, but got very little of the bowling, while Thorp hit out merrily. Bowker had not bowled for several months and he was apt to get a bit on the leg side and Thorp punished these balls very hard. The old system of putting a net in front of the Ladies Tent, by the way, might well be reintroduced. The innings went on to reach one hundred and sixty-four for eight, when Pearce declared. The most noticeable feature was a big catch in the deep by Bowker off Planter's bowling. Will made a tremendous drive but it was obvious that the fieldman had it all the way, even if he did start in at first! None of the bowling was particularly good, but it is only fair to say that Bowker's shoulder has only just recovered, while Beck has been seedy and really did not want to bowl at all, I believe.

Excellent Golf.
The innings of the Under-Thirty consisted really of a very nice knock by Marton. He was, perhaps, a shade lucky early on, but after that he met everything full in the face of the bat. He is particularly

strong on the leg—(though he sometimes used a lovely crack to extra-cover)—and has the knack of putting his pad in front of his middle stick and playing forward to a well pitched up one, forcing it away to the on. It is most tempting to go on and try and get him that way, which, of course, is just what he wants. With the exception of Alan Reid the bowling was not particularly impressive. A curious incident took place when Marton got inside one from Hamilton. Reid appeared to the bowler to make a pretty catch low down at first slip, and as Marton did not go, an appeal was made. The umpire put up his hand at once, just as the wicket-keeper and Reid both sang out "not out," having failed to hear the appeal. They explained that the ball had just pitched very properly, reversed his decision. As one hears so much talk about this sort of thing, it might be as well to mention that the whole procedure was in order. An umpire is entitled to reverse his decision and a fieldman not only may but, in the spirit of the game, must tell him (politely) that a catch had not been made. Thus told, it is up to the umpire to do what he likes. The one thing that no self-respecting umpire will stand is to see the fielding captain go and ask an out-going batsman to return, without reference to the umpire who has given him out. Yet I have seen it done! After Marton was out all chance of finishing the game was gone, and, as the shades of night fell, stumps were drawn at about twenty-five to six. I have omitted to mention that Richardson kept wicket for the Under-Thirty in the absence of a regular stumper, and did quite well at it, though, of course, he stood right back to the fast bowlers.

Brace Gets Going.
The match between K.C.C. and the Ninety-Third should have been a League, but the soldiers had withdrawn. They had, I think, one or two other details helping out their side. Brace did very much what he liked. After Dewar-Durie was taken early at the wicket, there was an awful procession and only a hard-hit knock by Moir saved the military team from an ignominious defeat. It is a pity Moir is unable to play more regularly. Curiously enough, though not a strong side this year, the Army have no less than three useful wicket-keepers—batsmen in Major Airey, Captain Moir and Corporal Davis—or Davies, I never know which.

Craigengower Do Not Convince.
I am beginning to wonder if the C.C.C. form with the bat displayed at the beginning of the season was a little too good to be true. They could make little out of a rather dead wicket last Saturday against the University, when they bowled, and no one but A. T. Lee did any

good. I don't quite understand why he goes on so late as he is as likely to get wickets as Omar or R. Lee. Anderson and Sullivan again did well with the bat for the 'Varsity, though I confess I have no knowledge as to whether their knocks were sound ones or not. Redmond seems to be in process of recovering his form. But the serious thing was that the Craigengower batting again broke down. Li definitely saved his side, but Gittens, E. Zimmerman, A. T. Lee, Hamson, Omar and Kitchell, all of whom should get runs pretty regularly, did very little between them. A bit of not practice might help them. I fancy. The game was just saved. It was a friendly, not a League Match, by the way.

An Incident.
I received a query, too late for action in last week's notes, as to the correct procedure in the following case. The batsmen were running a quick one and the ball, thrown at the wicket, was deflected by the batsman's bat which he was running along the ground to gain his crease. Actually another run was scored as on "extra" if this is allowed. I doubt if there is any rule which covers the point. You cannot call it unfair play as there is no suggestion that the batsman intended his bat to deflect the ball. It is, I think, purely a question to be decided on the spirit of the game, and, in my opinion, as the field were put at a disadvantage by the occurrence the other run should not have been taken. I recollect, however, one occasion when I myself was involved. I had glanced a ball to leg—or possibly nicked it between my legs and the sticks—and was running like a scalded cat for the bowler's end when the ball struck me with unparalleled velocity and cannoned off to the boundary. The umpire signalled a boundary at once and I felt entitled to accept his decision—shall we say from stern necessity? I mentioned he threw in from fine leg, didn't I?

Holiday Arrangements.
The biggest game of the Christmas holidays will be the two-day match between the H.K.C.C. and the Army on the 26th and 27th of December. And here I cannot but pause and drop a silent tear in recalling the old Christmas Day tiffins of the past, when we sat down at one—or later to a veritable feast spread by Tadpole. One hesitates amid so many delicacies, but I incline toward the palm of the cold shoulder of mutton! It may be we did not play very good cricket after it, but we did enough to be ready for another banquet on Christmas Night. Those days have gone, as they had to go. We are a much married Colony now, and the ducks have got rather overland by the storks in many cases. But they were pretty good ones all the same. "Foran et haec olim meminisse juvabit."

The Teams.
On paper the Club ought to tear the pants off the Army, but that doesn't mean that they necessarily will do so. P. E. Pearce captains them and the rest are:—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, G. R. Morris, G. R. Sayer, E. J. R. Mitchell and R. H. Griffiths. There is plenty of batting in the side, and I

shall hope to see Griffiths get some runs in this, his first big match in the Colony. Richardson is a very disappointing bat, and has only come off once this year—though he has been out most unluckily on several occasions. He has failed to get in but I should not be surprised to see him in the side against the Navy. It will be interesting to see if E. B. Reed, who always bowls a hundred per cent. better on the Club ground in a big match, can get going. He has had a terribly bad patch so far, though he is bowling by no means badly. Mitchell's knee apparently is alright for batting but he will have to field close in somewhere, as he does not seem able to run. He was dead lame by the end of Saturday's game, he stuck to his work gallantly. As a matter of fact there is only one man on the side who cannot bowl (and he once bowled Donald Leach in an Interport Match), but I imagine the bulk of it will be done by Reed, Reid, Bowker, Beck, and Owen Hughes.

The Army Team.
Captain Thorp captains the Army side and he has Major Airey (R.A.S.C.), R. V. Dewar-Durie (3rd Highlanders), W. G. Hazlewood (R.A.), A. H. Musson (R.A.), Captain Lockner (S.W.B.), M. Waring (R.A.), Corpl. Davies, Lee-Corpl. Fry (R.A.S.C.), Private Salmon (R.A.M.C.), and Sig. J. Williams (R.S.C.). The bowling of the side is a bit weak. Musson, of course, if he has a day out, is capable of great things and he will presumably be the mainstay of the attack. Thorp himself found it very hard to bowl straight on Saturday last, and kept falling away to leg. Fry can be uncommonly useful, but he would do better if he pitched up a shade more. Salmon I know nothing about—I presume it is not an error for Lee-Corpl. Simpson of the R.A.S.C.—but I hear that Sig. J. Williams is a forcing bat and a good fast bowler who has played a good deal of Army cricket in Egypt. I also hear that he has a trick of pulling his foot over the line when he delivers the ball. This, by the way, is often done by Beck—(alright, call me a liar, if you want to!)—and I shall be interested to see if the umpires keep their eyes open.

The batting of the side is, however, a bit doubtful. Fry can hit. If Dewar-Durie can concentrate he should get a lot of runs, though he is not yet quite used to the light here. Thorp can punish anything loose very hard while of the rest Musson, Airey and Lockner are good bats. I hardly know the remainder well enough to say more. On the whole there should be an excellent game, but I think the Club will win. The time is variously stated as 10.30 and 11 a.m. But I definitely understand that the game will start at 11 a.m. sharp. I hope to report it in full in the *Daily Press* issues of Saturday and Monday.

Other Games.
Craigengower are playing a Married and Single game on Boxing Day and the Navy are taking a side to K.O.C. on the same day. It may be a two-day match, but I am not entirely clear on this point. The I.R.C. go up to the University for an all-day match to-morrow—Christmas Day, and have a Married and Single game on Boxing Day at home.

Army and Navy Game.

The Services meet each other on Monday and Tuesday next 20th and 21st of December, on the Club ground. Unless a miracle happens the Navy are going to get beaten. As far as possible, I hope to give some account of the game but I am afraid I shall not be able to see much of it myself. There is such a thing as a job of work!

League Fixture Correction.

It might be as well to mention that the League Match which is down for Saturday, the 27th, between the University and Civil Service will not take place, as a League game that is. I understand the 'Varsity are not keen on playing League matches in Vabation, and, of course, it suits the C.S. admirably as they have three of their men playing for the Club.

A Merry Christmas.

I cannot conclude these notes without taking the opportunity of wishing my readers a Merry Christmas. It seems curious to some no doubt to have cricket mixed up with Yule logs and holly—not to mention miscelot—but we have most of us got used to it here, and the Observatory seems to be doing its best to reproduce a foggy and damp English winter!

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	Garden Lot No. 77	West of Stubbs Road	As per sale plan	About 9,400	22	40

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1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1434	Fuk Wa Street Shamshuipo	As per sale plan	About 4,376	45	6,550

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12	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2434	Adjacent to Kowloon Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tui	As per sale plan	About 2,170	24	430

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
12	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1435	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1434 and 1436, Shamshuipo	As per sale plan	About 11,395	23	90

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(1) That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now \$1,500,000 consisting of 150,000 shares fully paid up of the nominal value of \$10.00 per share of which have been issued) be increased from \$1,500,000 consisting as aforesaid to \$3,000,000 (consisting of 300,000 shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each) by the creation of 150,000 additional new shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.

(2) (a) That 50,000 of the said 150,000 new shares be offered forthwith (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three existing shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 28th day of December, 1930, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 150,000 issued shares at a premium of \$1.50 per share and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal value due in respect of such new shares plus the said premium of \$1.50 per share (making \$12.50 per share) shall be payable in full. Such new shares shall rank for dividend as from the respective dates of allotment and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.

(b) That such offer as aforesaid be made by notice specifying the number of new shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time or times within which the offer if not accepted by the member either on behalf of such member or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and the Directors be at liberty to fix such respective times and to extend such times to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit and further that any of the said 10,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

(c) That no shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional new share in respect of any odd share held by him.

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NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to 28th DECEMBER, 1930, inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

Dated this 13th day of Dec, 1930.

By Order of the Board,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON
General Managers.

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The following are the Christmas Day fixtures in the English League:—

Division I.	
Birmingham	v. Leeds U.
Blackburn	v. Derby
Blackpool	v. Sheffield U.
Bolton	v. Manchester U.
Chelsea	v. Aston Villa
Grimsby	v. Liverpool
Manchester C.	v. Arsenal
Sunderland	v. Leicester C.
West Ham	v. Portsmouth

Division II.	
Barnsley	v. West Brom.
Bradford C.	v. Stoke
Burnley	v. Preston N.E.
Ryrie	v. Everton
Millwall	v. Bradford
Notts Forest	v. Reading
Oldham	v. Wolves
Port Vale	v. Charlton
Swansea	v. Bristol C.
Tottenham	v. Southampton

Division III. (Southern).	
Brentford	v. Crystal P.
Bristol R.	v. Brighton
Coventry	v. Bournemouth
Gillingham	v. Thames
Ilton	v. Torquay
Newport	v. Exeter
Norwich	v. Clapton O.
Queen's P.R.	v. Notts C.
Southend	v. Northampton
Swindon	v. Fulham
Walsall	v. Watford

Division III. (Northern).	
Accrington	v. Wigan
Chesterfield	v. Wrexham
Crewe	v. Barrow
Doncaster	v. New Brighton
Halifax	v. Hull
Nelson	v. Hartlepool
Rotherham	v. Tranmere
Southport	v. Rochdale
Stockport	v. Gateshead
York	v. Carlisle

SPORTS FIXTURES.

CRICKET.

There will be an inter-club match on the Indian Recreation Club ground on Christmas Day at 1.30 p.m., when members over 25 years of age will take on those under 25. The teams will be:—

Over 25: J. S. Abdul-Currim, J. S. Acker, A. el Arculli, C. F. Doodha, B. R. France, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, D. Mohammed, A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Rumjahn.

Under 25: A. R. Abbas, M. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, H. T. M. Earna, A. R. H. Esmail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, A. R. Minn, F. D. Pereira, A. M. Rumjahn and A. R. Sulfad.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Action No. 227 of 1930.

BETWEEN
CHAN SI YIN, Plaintiff
AND
YICK TAI COMPANY SHING
KEE AND CHAN KUNG WAI, Defendants
MANAGING PARTNER THERE OF.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Writ of Foreign Attachment Returnable on FRIDAY the 2nd DAY of JANUARY, 1931, against all the Property Movable and Immovable of the above-named Defendants was issued on the 18th DAY of DECEMBER, 1930, in this Action pursuant to provisions of Chapter XVII of the Hong Kong Code of Civil Procedure.

Dated the 18th day of Dec, 1930.
MR. J. M. DALMADA REMEDIOS
Solicitors for the Plaintiffs.

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XMAS HOLIDAYS

HOURS OF BUSINESS

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2 P.M. to 8.00 P.M.

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25th and 26th
6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.

2 P.M. to 8.00 P.M.

The MAIN ICE DEPOT at POTTINGERS STREET will Not be Open on the 25th inst., but will OPEN on the 26th from 6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.

All Departments will be Open as Usual on SATURDAY, 27th inst.

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CHARITY FOOTBALL.

IN AID OF M.C.C. FUNDS.

A charity football match between the United Services and the Rest of the Colony will be played at Soekunpoo on New Year's Day, kick off at 3.30 p.m. sharp. The admission to the stands will be \$1, 50 cents and 30 cents, the proceeds to go to the Ministering Children's League (Naval and Military branches).

An excellent game is expected and it is hoped that His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, the Commodore and Sir Shou-son Chow will be present. The Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The South Wales Borderers will play on the ground from 3 to 3.30 p.m. and during the interval.

We have been asked to state that tickets may be obtained at the ground or from Military Headquarters (Capt. E. B. Deakin).

The Services will be represented by:—

Marine Clubs (H.M.S. Derwick), L. Tel. Dixon, A. B. Robertson, A. R. Magee and L. St. Skinner (H.M.S. Medway); A. B. Peacock (H.M.S. Suffolk); Pte. Henderson, Col. Hay, Pte. Yeoman and L/Cpl. Campbell (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders) and Cpl. Atkin (R.A.F.).

GOLF PROS. TO PLAY HERE.

MATCH ARRANGED FOR NEXT MONTH.

The offer made by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club to the Golf professionals Melborn and Cruckshank to play an eighteen hole exhibition match here has been accepted. The terms will be gross proceeds of 85 (Mex.) gate with no guarantee.

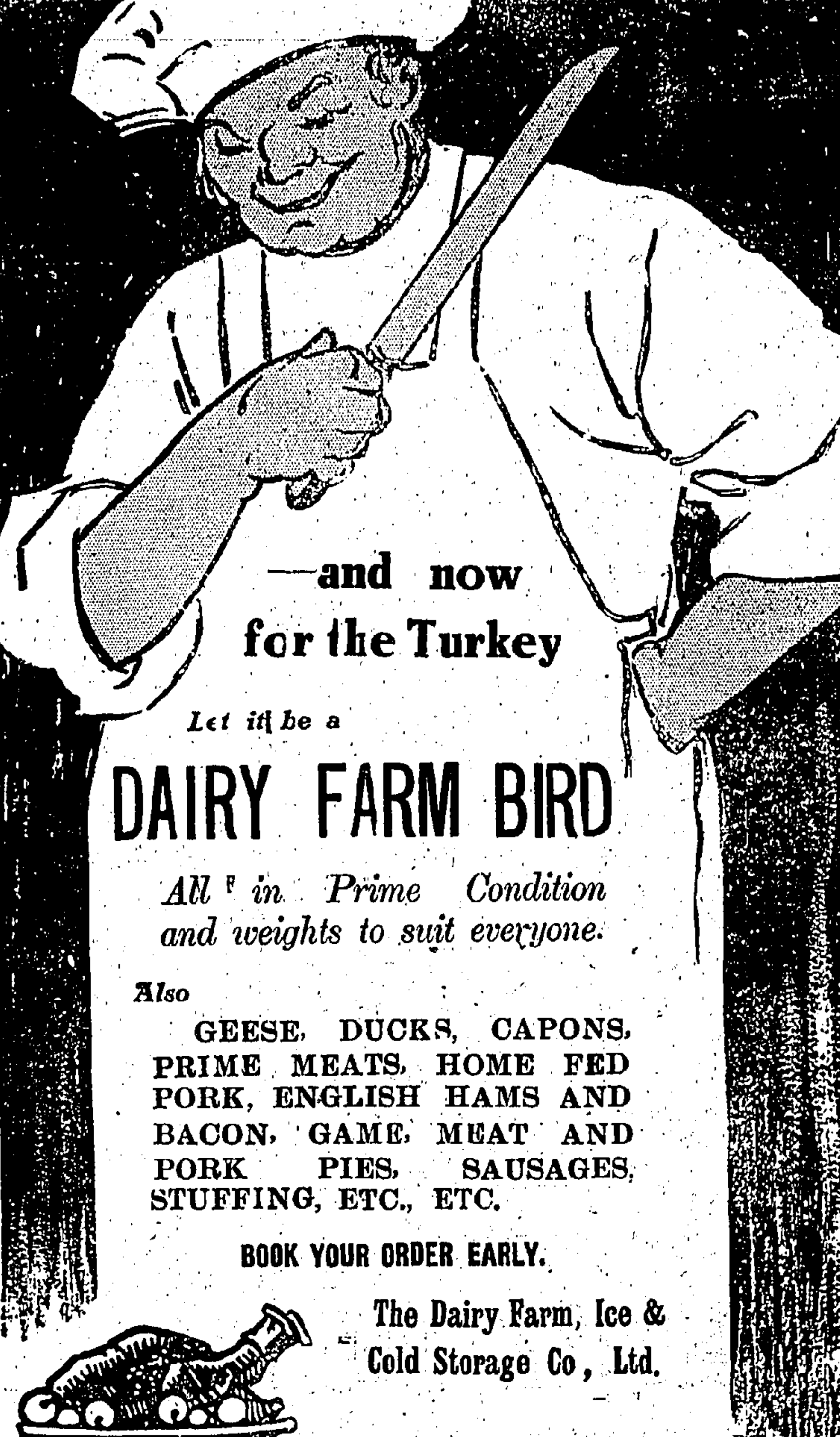
The match will take place at Fanling on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 14.

GOLF WIZARD BROADCAST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ATLANTA (Georgia), Dec. 22. Bobby Jones has confirmed that he has contracted to give 26 weekly broadcast talks on golf throughout the country on Wednesday evenings, beginning on January 14.

Bobby Jones is very busy writing syndicated golf articles for the newspapers, besides practicing law and acting as a bank director and vice-president of the local baseball club.



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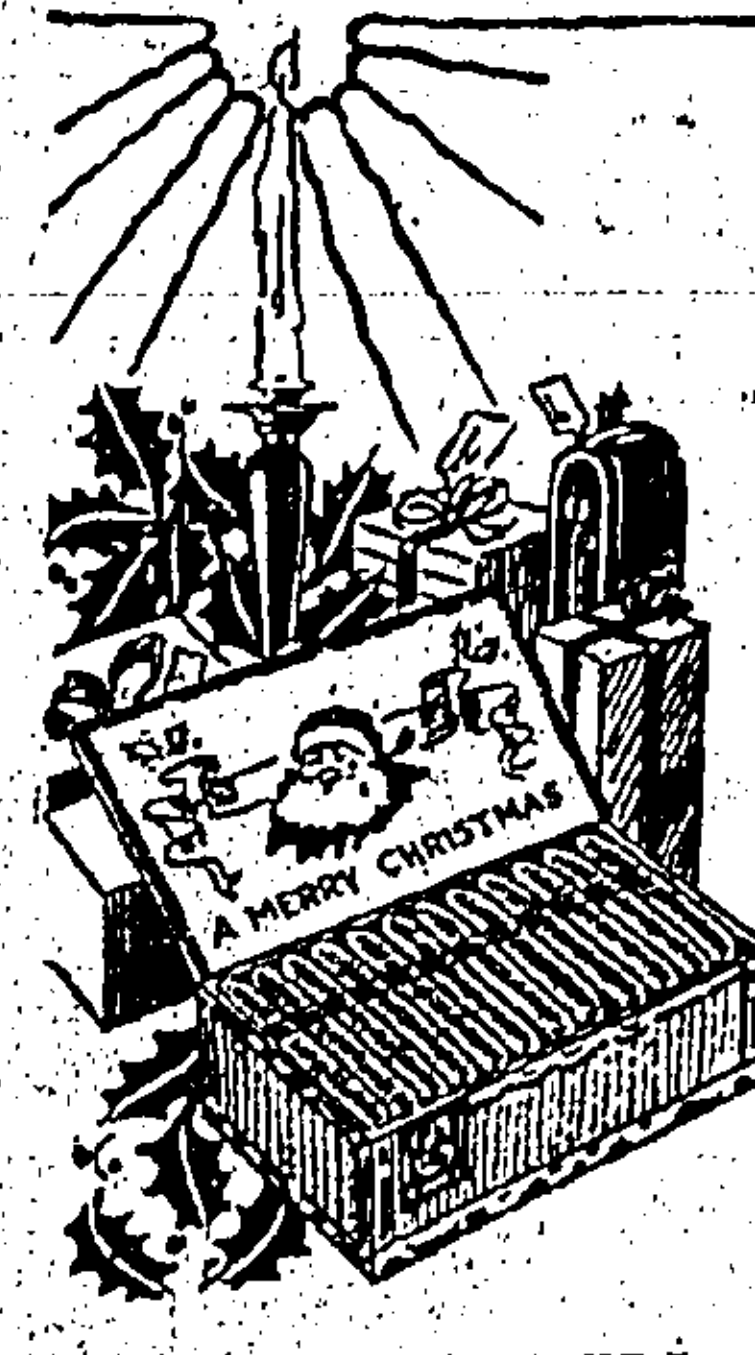
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Even when an accident to H. J. Sayers, one of their most dependable scrummers, had reduced them half-way through the first half to seven men "down," they fought on so valiantly that it was only towards the end that they showed any signs of being worn down.

The forward play and the tackling, always splendidly keen if not always sound, left the honours even, but Sandhurst were the more dangerous attacking force.

The scoring at the interval—4-3 in favour of Sandhurst—flattered them. The Woolwich pack hammered at them so persistently that the play was mostly in their half of the field, but Cowey's places gained Sandhurst their first try, and then H. S. Wellwood dodged through from a scrum near in, while smart work by the Woolwich halves sent D. H. Dumbell for a try.

Woolwich could not score again, though they had their rivals defending for the greater part of the second half, and near the end Wellwood got through their defence and P. A. Munro gained a further try for H. C. R. Lissett to place a goal.

It was the fifty-third game of the series, and the tally now reads: 29 wins for the R.M.C., against 16 defeats, the remaining matches having been drawn.

R.M.A. (Woolwich): J. B. Loveluck; G. S. Cole, D. R. Corner, E. A. Sykes, D. H. Dumbell; M. St. J. Oswald, R. C. Orrell; P. G. Hobbs, W. A. R. Sumner, H. J. Sayers, H. F. Walford, R. C. Warlow-Harry, J. C. Winchester, C. C. A. Russell, R. H. Baker.

R.M.C. (Sandhurst): W. G. Devanney; B. T. V. Cowey, P. A. Munro; R. de la H. Moran, H. S. Wellwood; J. T. Knight, P. G. Tallyour; G. M. Watts, E. F. Offord, H. C. R. Lissett, T. A. G. Pritchard, P. J. Keen, G. G. Heathcote, A. J. A. Watson, D. R. Venning.

GOLD AND INDUSTRY.

MR. CANNEY ON MONETARY REFORM.

Mr. E. E. Canney, addressing a joint meeting at Burnley of the Burnley Textile Society and the Lancashire Section of the Textile Institute, said that the people of England should know of the pressing need for monetary reform. Money scarcity was at the root of our troubles and uncertainties, and still greater dangers awaited us from an unreformed monetary policy.

Money scarcity forced down prices. So long as Great Britain fixed its currency at its present gold price, and because the natural, political, financial, and social influences of the world, together with the flight from silver, were all against an effective world economy of gold, the general tendency of prices must be downwards for years to come, and bankruptcy and unemployment must increase in volume.

The world was faced with the certainty that gold output could not keep pace with advancing civilisation. If England continued to utilise gold in the old way progress must not only stop, we must regress. The same alternatives applied to the whole world.

It was desirable that those who understood the question and employers and employees in the basic industries should come together. The part of the cotton industry was to impress upon reformers the supreme urgency of quickly coming to a common agreement as to policy, but in default of monetary reform no form of reorganisation could bring appreciable relief. The key to the cotton problem was not in the cotton industry, nor was the key of the agricultural, or the engineering problem, or of any basic industry to be found in their local habitat. The key lay in the vaults of the Bank of England and in what use was made of the gold stored there.

Locally-made thermos bottles are finding a ready sale. The Manufacturers have taken measures to improve the quality and fashion of their products which have now become more popular. Being cheaper than those of foreign origin, they are in brisk demand by the country district merchants.

The export of preserved meat and sausages to America and Malaya has shown an unusual decline due to the increased import tariff in the United States and the return to China of thousands of unemployed Chinese workers from Malaya. Formerly over \$5,000,000 worth of preserved meat and sausages were exported from the city annually, but this figure has decreased by about 50 per cent.

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EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rupee, Dec. 22	
Paris	123.50
New York	4.65 1/2
Brussels	34.70
Geneva	25.00
Amsterdam	12.00
Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.37
Stockholm	18.17
Vienna	34.73
Prague	103
Helsingfors	103.25
Madrid	45.50
Lisbon	103.25
Athens	37.50
Bucharest	81.75
Rio	42
Buenos Aires	35 15/16
Montevideo	38
Bombay	1/4
Shanghai	1/3 15/16
Hong Kong	1/4
Yokohama	2/0 9/10
Silver (spot)	15 1/16
Silver (forward)	15

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 23, 1930.

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/4
Bank Bills, on demand	1/8
Bank Bills, 4 months	1/8
Credits, 4 months	1/8
Documents, 4 months	1/8
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	690
Credits, 4 months	730
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	27 1/16
Credits, 60 days	28 1/2
On Bombay:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	7/4
Bank, on demand	7/4
On Calcutta:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	7/4
Bank, on demand	7/4
On Shanghai:—	
Bank, at sight	30 1/2
On Yokohama:—	
On demand	54 1/2
On Manila:—	
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LAUGH AND BE
HEALTHY.

BUT FAT IS NOT HEALTHY.

The familiar slogan, "Laugh
and grow fat," is given the lie by
Dr. D. Lechmere Anderson, medical
officer of health for Doncaster.

"Laugh and grow healthy," he
declares, would be much more ac-
ceptable advice because fatness is
rarely associated with robust health,
but health and cheerfulness go hand
in hand.

"It is probable," says Dr. An-
derson, "that the first slogan
originated through the fact that fat
people are much more liable to look
on the bright side of things than
the lean and scraggy."

"Laughter is essentially associ-
ated with good health, but adipose
tissue, if at all of undue amount,
cannot be regarded as favourable
condition. Leanness of body is far
more likely to be associated with
strength and energy."

"Fatness must be regarded as a
diseased condition which imposes
many factors which lead to impair-
ment of health and shortening of
life. The fat individual has much
more work imposed on him, if only
by the additional bodily weight he
has to bear."

"Even the common act of going
upstairs when anything from one
to several stones of dead weight
has to be raised implies a very
considerable strain upon such im-
portant organs as the heart and
lungs, and when such extra labour
is incurred in every act the daily
bodily strain must be excessive."

"In the treatment of obesity
sugar must be reduced to a
minimum, and this includes all
sweetened drinks, honey, jam, and
the like. Bread, the staff of life,
must be used in small amount, not
(Continued on next column)

"RED" ACTIVITIES IN
AMERICA.STATE DEPT. ATTACHES NOT
TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

Washington, December 16.—Col.
Henry L. Stimson, the Secretary of
State, to-day declined to permit
attachés of the State Department
to testify before the special con-
gressional investigating committee
which is probing alleged Com-
munist activities in the United
States. The congressional commit-
tee is headed by Representative
Hamilton Fish, Jr., Republican of
New York.

Secretary Stimson announced,
however, that he is willing that Mr.
Dana Hobson of the State Depart-
ment's visa department testify be-
fore an executive session of the
congressional committee if Repre-
sentative Fish so desires. Secretary
Stimson is anxious to prevent the
taking of public testimony from
State Department attachés.

It is understood that Representa-
tive Fish and the members of his
investigating committee desire in-
formation as to methods of prevent-
ing the admission of undesirable
into the United States.

For several months Representa-
tive Fish's committee has been con-
ducting an investigation into the
so-called "red" activities in
America. It has conducted hear-
ings in Washington and in several
large cities, such as New York and
Chicago.

more than two ounces being allowed
daily, and this is better used as
toast. Potatoes contain a large
amount of starch, and many notice
a speedy reduction in weight when
these and other starch-containing
vegetables are replaced by others
which have little or no fat-producing
qualities."

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

The following passengers left yester-
day by s.s. General Metzing:—
Mrs. H. W. Kees, Mr. Giovanni, Mr.
L. de Roza, Mr. P. Silvestri, Mr.
G. Macanferri.

The following passengers left yester-
day by s.s. America:—Mr. H. R.
Sturt, Mr. O. L. Hall, Mrs. G. H.
Lapham, Miss L. O. Jones, Mr. and
Mrs. P. H. Cauty, Mr. David, Mr.
and Mrs. H. L. Borinstein, Mr. R.
J. Waters, Count Seilern, Mr. W.
J. Stutterheim, Mr. M. F. Outler,
Miss M. A. Finley, Miss Reta
Ellis, Mr. F. Nicoli, Miss E. E.
Connelly, Mr. P. S. Joss, Mr. R.
P. Brooks, Mr. G. H. Heaphy, Mr.
G. E. Palmer, Mrs. D. R. Boronin,
Mr. E. Gutbrod, Mr. J. H. Fer-
nappe.

The following passengers left
yesterday by s.s. America:—Mr. and
Mrs. K. N. Black, Miss F. H.
Booth, Miss H. A. Brown, Mrs.
Scott-Dalgleish, Miss Scott-Dal-
gleish, Prof. W. E. Dyer, Mr. G.
J. Frana, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.
Goldie, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Knight,
Miss L. E. Knight, Mr. and Mrs.
R. F. W. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs.
J. J. Lester, Master A. H. Lester,
Miss B. J. Lester, Master G. A.
Lester, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mahood,
Miss W. Mahood, Miss Joan
Mahood, Master Jackie Mahood,
Mrs. H. J. Nairn, Master D. C.
Nairn, Master A. Nairn, Mr.
H. Scott-Ham, Miss M. Scott.

The following passengers left yester-
day by s.s. Chicago:—Mr. E. D.
Beck, Mr. R. C. Beck, Mr. Keith
Burrell, Mrs. E. Delaney, Mrs. H.
B. Dickson, Miss Dickson, Mr. and
Mrs. Clayton O. Douglas, Mr. C.
L. Fader, Mr. and Mrs. M. Finu-
cane, Mr. C. Forster, Miss M.
Carvin, Mr. Willard A. Kinney,
Col. W. J. McElhinny, Mrs. D. M.
McKen, Mrs. E. E. Morrison, Mr.
V. Hanna, Mr. A. F. Scholmerdine,
Mrs. W. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. W.
G. A. Smyth, Miss G. M. Smyth,
Mr. T. E. Spence, Mr. Wallace
Winfree, Miss Hazel Wood, Mr. and
Mrs. W. Wright, Master T. W.
Wright.

The following passengers left
yesterday by s.s. President Grant:
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker, Mr.
C. P. Grandgerard, Mr. H. B.
Campbell, Miss W. A. Donnelly,
Mr. V. S. Cilla, Mr. and Mrs. E.
P. Howard, Mr. R. E. Lankley,
Miss A. Stephen, Mr. J. Cod Kind,
Mr. R. Garcia, Mr. R. C.
Jimenez, Mr. Brooks Cadwallader,
Lieut. J. C. Goodnough, Mr. J.
Hardeman, Mr. John D. McCord,
Miss Vera McCord, Mr. and Mrs.
C. L. Watson, Miss Ann Watson,
Mr. E. F. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs.
J. B. Wheelwright, Mr. and Mrs.
A. Brostedt, Mr. F. Daddad, Mr.
H. Berggren, Mr. Herbert Koenig,
Mr. S. J. Deiro, Mr. H. Jen-
nings, Mr. R. D. Wrigley.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in
harbour yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Tatsuta
Maru, Empress of Canada, Himi-
laya Maru; A.P.C.—Taikotsui;
Palemang; O. S. K.—Menado
Maru; Douglas Laprak; Hainan;
Quarry Bay: Bantam.

Docks:—Kowloon: Kaiapoi, Sui
Sang, Paludina, Shinyo Maru, Sui
An; Taikoo: Henri Riviere, Hong
Hwa, Charles Hardouin, Paul
Beau, Chungking, Sinkiang,
Liangchow; Cosmopolitan: Hai
Hing, Kut Sang.

Buoys:—A1 Tatsuta Maru, A2
Tijbadak, A3 Tokusa Maru, A4
Delgoa Maru, A5 Changte, B7
Ganges Maru, A8 Cremer, B9
Tijliwong, B13 Kalgan Maru, C14
Tonkin, C16 Ningpo, C17 Halvard,
C19 YeiJun Maru, C19 Helios, B23
Michael Jebben, B24 Andes Maru,
A25 Greys Harbour, A26 Hong
Peng, B24 Bantam, C37 Wing Lee,
B26 Cheongking, C37 Kiungchow,
B38 Borneo, C47 Kwong Sang, B30
Handkefjell.

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SINGAPORE

are hereby notified that their Cargo will
be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon,
where it will lie at Consignees' risk and
subject to Terms and Conditions of
Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo
will be ready for Delivery from Godown
on and after 24th December.

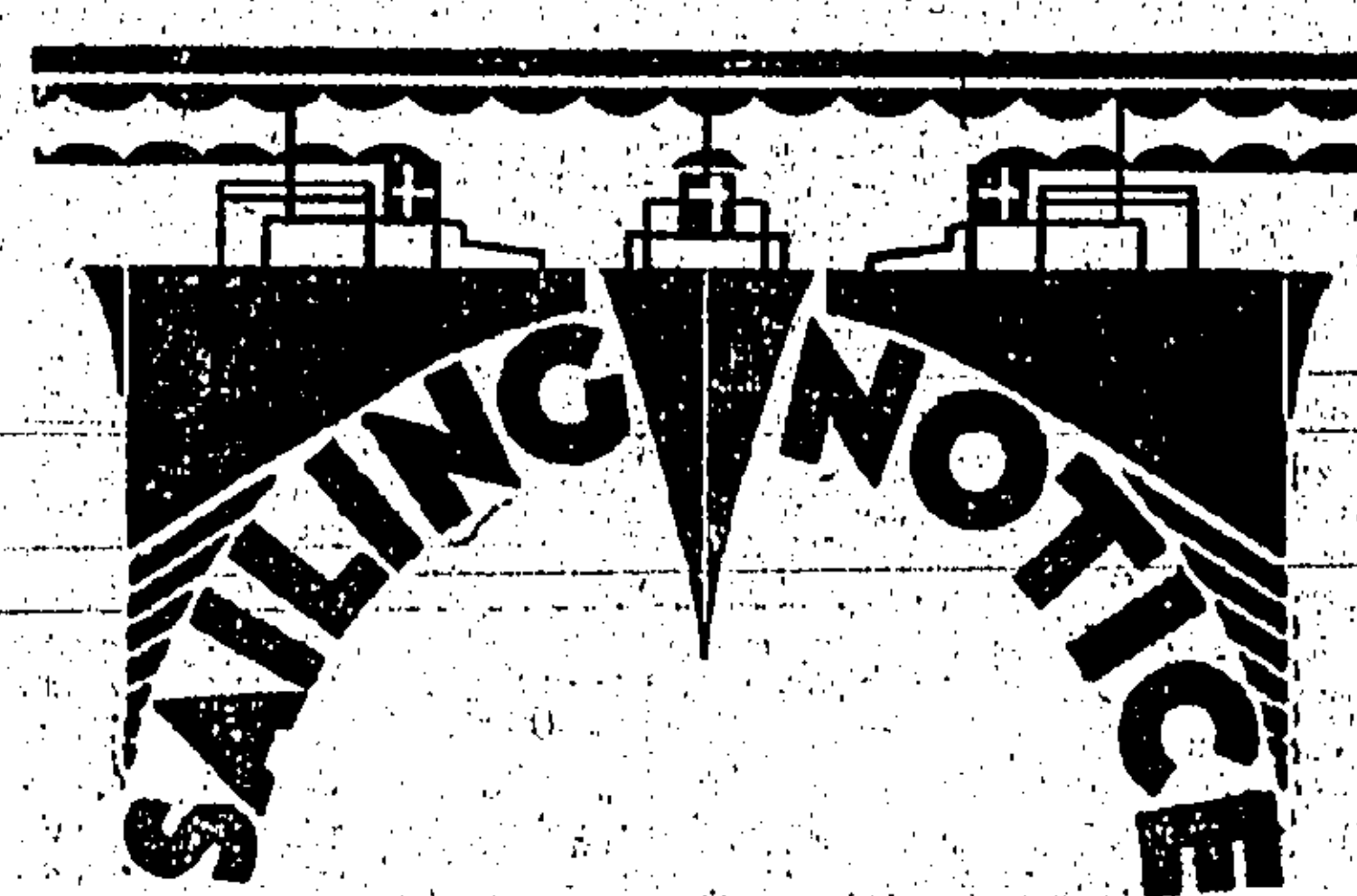
Optional Cargo will not be landed here,
unless Notice has been given prior to
Vessel's arrival, but carried on from
port to port to the final port of call to
which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and Noon, within the Free Storage period.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Vessel's Godown,
and all Goods remaining undelivered after
the 24th December will be subject to
Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must
be presented to the Undersigned on or
before the 24th January, 1931, or they will
not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
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Pres. Harrison Sun, Jan. 11, 8 a.m. Pres. Fillmore Sun, Feb. 8, 8 a.m.

To Manila

Pres. Cleveland Dec. 31, 6 p.m. Pres. Pierce Jan. 13, 6 p.m.
Pres. Madison Jan. 3, 6 p.m. Pres. Jackson Jan. 17, 6 p.m.

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are requested to take Delivery of Flour
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hereby notified that if their Lighters are
not placed alongside the Vessel as
required, their Shipments will be dis-
charged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, at
their expense, where the Cargo will
lie also at their risk and expense and
subject to the Terms and Conditions of
Storage at Holt's Wharf. Vessel will
Commence Discharge on 24th Dec.
General Cargo will be discharged into
Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie
at Consignees' risk and subject to the
Terms and Conditions of Storage at
Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready
for Delivery from the Godown on and
after 24th December.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and Noon within the Free Storage period.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and
all General Cargo remaining undelivered
after 24th December will be subject to
Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must
be presented to the Undersigned on or
before 12th January, 1931, or they will
not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

23rd December, 1930. [10289]

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CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "GENERAL METZINGER."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON

TUESDAY, THE 23RD DEC., 1930.

FROM MARSEILLES, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the
above-named Steamer are hereby
informed that their Goods with the
exception of Optum, Treasure and Val-
ables are being landed and placed at
their risk in the Godowns of the Hong
Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery can
be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days,
including date of arrival, will be subject to
Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Undersigned
before Thursday, the 1st Jan.,
1931, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages must be left in
the Godowns for examination by the
Consignees and the Company's Sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at
10 a.m. on Friday, the 2nd December,
1930.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by
us in any case whatever.

B. OHL,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1930. [10286]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGA-
TION CO., LTD.

FROM CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE &
PENANG.

THE STEAMSHIP "KUTSANG"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all goods are being
landed at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may
be obtained.

Owing to the steamer standing on the
voyage to Hong Kong a General Average
is being declared and Consignees are re-
quired to sign the usual General Average
Bond and pay the required Deposit
before delivery can be granted. All
damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, where they will be examined
by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
All claims must be presented within
30 days of arrival, otherwise they will
not be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1930. [10266]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel

"DUISBURG"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby notified that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in
the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon,
where Delivery can be obtained as the
Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless
Notice has been given prior to Vessel's
arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
25th December, 1930, will be subject to
Rent.

All broken chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on 24th December, 1930,
at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs.
Goddard & Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the
10th January, 1931, or they will not be
recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by the Undersigned.

JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.

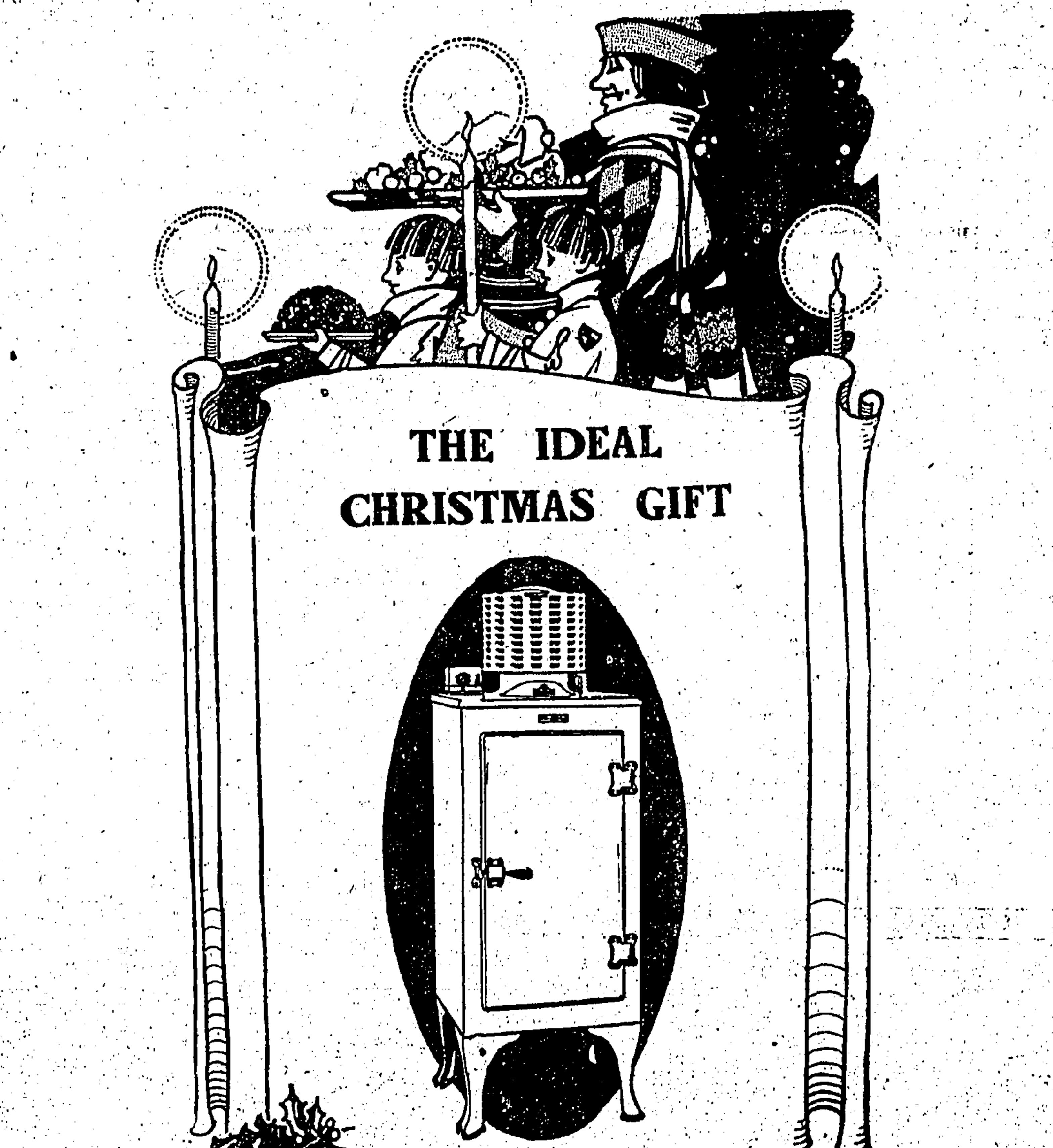
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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 24th Dec.	8 p.m.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI & HAIKOW	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 26th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 28th Dec.	7 a.m.
FOOCHOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"NANNING"	On 28th Dec.	8 a.m.
FOOCHOW, WHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 28th Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 28th Dec.	11 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 28th Dec.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNE	"LINAN"	On 29th Dec.	5 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 30th Dec.	5 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 31st Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 4th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 4th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 5th Jan.	Noon
SWATOW, WHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 9th Jan.	8 a.m.

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TAIPIING	17th Mar.	24th Mar.	27th Mar.	12th Apr.
CHANGE	21st Apr.	28th Apr.	1st May	17th May

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M.S. "Africa"	28th Jan.	28th Feb.
M.S. "India"	28th Feb.	28th March
M.S. "Danmark"	28th Mar.	27th April
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THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND SWAITS.

The Steamship "BENVENUE"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being

landed at their risk into the Godowns

and/or extra-heretofore Godowns of the

Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from

the wharves Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the

25th instant, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 25th instant, will be

subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must

be presented to the Underwriter on or

before the 8th January, 1931, or they

will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where

they will be examined by the Godown

Company, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard

& Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

The Motor Vessel

"CHINESE PRINCE"

having arrived from the above Port on

17th instant, Consignees of Cargo are

being informed that their Goods are

being landed at their risk into the

Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,

Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk

and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where

they will be examined on Tuesday,

23rd instant, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within

15 Days of the Vessel's arrival here,

after which date they cannot be re-

cognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the

24th instant, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned

by FURNESS (FAR EAST) LTD.,

2nd Floor, King's Building,

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Agents.

Telephone 23165.

Hong Kong, 17th Dec, 1930. [10259]

ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 22, 1930.											
STATION	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	Humidity	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction
Wladivostok	12 30.12	78.5	15	N	2	b	6	30.27	76.8	5	N
Nemuro	11 29.72	75.0	...	NW	1	...	5	29.88	75.0	...	NW
Hakodate	...	29.80	75.0	...	NW	1	...	29.90	76.0	...	NW
Tokio	...	29.74	75.5	...	NE	1	...	30.22	76.5	...	N
Kobe	...	29.80	75.0	...	NW	2	...	30.52	77.0	...	N
Nagasaki	...	30.14	76.5	...	NNW	4	...	30.38	76.0	...	N
Kagoshima	...	30.06	76.5	...	NW	3	...	30.24	76.0	...	N
Oshima	...	30.06	76.5	...	N	3	...	30.20	76.0	...	NNE
Naha	...	30.12	76.5	...	NNW	5	...	30.20	76.5	...	NNE
Ishigakijima	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.94	76.0	...	W
Bonin Island	...	29.76	75.0	...	W	2	...	30.42	72.8	23	NW
Chefoo	15 30.41	77.2	32	NW	7	b	6	30.52	76.8	29	NW
Shanghai	14 30.58	77.4	40	NNW	7	o	6	30.58	77.6	38	NW
Gutzlaff	...	30.61	77.4	40	NNW	7	o	30.58	77.4	38	NW
Wenzhou	...	30.41	77.2	45	NNE	8	o	30.50	77.4	38	N
Foochow	...	30.24	76.1	58	NE	4	o	30.58	76.5	50	NE
Amoy	...	30.18	75.3	58	NE	4	o	30.24	76.1	50	NE
Swatow	...	30.10	74.5	58	NE	3	o	30.24	76.1	50	NE
Taihou	11 30.28	76.1	59	E	2	o	5	30.51	76.8	54	N
Taihu	...	30.11	74.8	61	N	4	o	30.17	76.8	54	N
Sinan	...	30.07	76.8	59	NNE	4	o	30.12	76.1	56	NNE
Koshun	...	30.00	76.1	72	NE	8	o	30.07	76.7	67	NE
Pescadore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14 30.11	76.8	57	3	N	1	o	30.25	76.8	59	NNW
Gap Rock	...	30.10	76.4	58	6	NNW	5	30.22	76.7	45	4
Macao	...	30.09	76.4	58	4	N	4	30.35	76.8	49	NNE
Haihow	...	30.08	76.4	58	...	NE	4	30.37	76.8	62	NE
Pratas Island	...	30.07	76.3	58	6	ENE	8	00.12	76.4	56	6
Phulion	15 30.07	76.3	58	6	ENE	8	o	30.24	76.8	56	6
Tourans	...	29.88	75.0	79	6	N	6	30.02	76.5	72	6
Cape St. James	...	29.79	75.7	79	6	ENE	8	22.89	75.3	72	6
Banco	14 29.93	76.0	74	6	NE	4	o	30.06	76.3	68	4
Aperti	...	29.90	75.9	79	8	ENE	4	29.99	76.1	74	4
Tuguegarao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.95	76.0	70	...
Vigan	...	29.87	75.8	85	6	...	0	29.88	75.9	72	...
Manila	...	29.83	75.7	86	8	...	0	29.88	75.9	72	...
Legaspi	...	29.81	75.1	86	8	NE	4	29.88	75.8	76	...
Calbayog	...	29.80	75.0	81	8	N	4	29.88	75.9	74	...
Tacloban	...	29.79	75.7	81	6	N	2	29.84	75.9	74	...
Iloilo	...	29.81	75.1	85	8	ENE	4	29.87	75.6	76	...
Cebu	...	29.76	75.0	85	8	NE	4	29.85	75.3	76	...
Surigao	...	29.78	75.5	81	8	N	2	29.83	75.9	74	...
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.76	75.8	...	6	NE	4	29.80	75.8	78	...
Yap	11.00	29.74	75.3	...	8	NE	2	29.79	75.6	79	...
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	75.4	75	...
Labuan	14 29.81	75.2	88	...	W	4	b	29.84	75.9	75	...

December 23d. 10A. 35m.—The anticyclone has spread southward and is now central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.24 inch. Total since January 1, 96.05 inches, against an average of 82.42 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 24.

Direction.

- 1.—Formosa Channel N.E. gale.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lantau, N. winds, strong; overcast, with drizzle at first, improving later.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 23

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
Day	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.

Barometer...	30.10	30.50	30.23
Temperature...	57	63	54
Humidity...	51	83	74

Wind...	Calms	N	N
Force...	0	3	1
Weather...	O.E.	0	0
Rain...	0.29	0.00	0.17

Highest open-air Temperature, 52.65

Lowest open-air Temperature, 23.15

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning;

M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Partly;

showers; S=Showers; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 24 to 30, 1930.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Day of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	h. m.			h. m.	h. m.
Wed.	24	2 54	4 13	Mon.	29	6 55	—
		11 50	7 2			4 52	—
Thur.	25	3 28	4 37	Tue.	30	7 38	—
		11 59	8 7			8 32	—
Fri.	26						
Sat.	27	No info.	high low				
		0 48	5 3			9 6	—
Sun.	28	4 37	4 7			7 41	—
		1 43	5 6			9 48	—
Mon.	29	4 48	5 0			10 6	—
		3 6	5 2			10 27	—
Tue.	30	5 10	5 4			11 40	—
		4 31	4 8			11 13	—
		5 36	5 9			—	—

